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# ICE targets illegal workers

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» 2 arrested for allegedly entering as tourists, but worked illegally at construction sites

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement is cracking down on illegal construction workers who enter the CNMI as tourists.

ICE arrested last week two overstaying aliens after looking into reports of many illegal construction workers, most of them Chinese, in many areas on Saipan.

Shubiao Niu and Youcai Li were stopped and arrested along the road

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## TOP CHEF

Hyatt Regency Saipan chef Jonathan Borja poses with competition judges after being named the winner of the 20th Annual Taste of the Marianas' Chefs' Competition last Saturday. The competition, organized by the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands in conjunction with Triple J Five Star Wholesale Foods, paid tribute to the Korean tourism market. Seven chefs were given one hour to create one dish that was Korean barbecue inspired. KIMBERLY BAUTISTA

## Bishop introduces new CW bill

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Bishop

A U.S. lawmaker introduced over the weekend new legislation that extends the CNMI foreign worker program beyond the 2019 slated end of the program.

Co-sponsored by Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP), U.S. Rep. Rob Bishop (R-UT) over the weekend introduced new legislation that effectively extends the CW-1 program beyond its end date of Dec. 31, 2019.

Although the official text of Bishop's H.R. 5956, or the NMI U.S.

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## Appeal in voting rights case gets boost

» 3 briefs filed in support of Supreme Court review

A petition to the U.S. Supreme Court seeking expanded voting rights in U.S. territories has received an important boost.

Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands Bar Association, and leading voting rights scholars have each filed amicus briefs in support of Supreme Court review in *Segovia v. United States*.

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## Driver in fatal hit-and-run is arrested

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Kapileo

The alleged driver who was involved in a hit-and-run that killed a pedestrian in As Mahetog last April 1 was located and arrested last Friday.

The suspect, David Desebel Kapileo, was arrested at 3:45pm and is detained at the Department of Corrections on a $100,000 cash bond.

Department of Public Safety spokesperson Jacqueline Rae Shepard said that Superior Court Asso-

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U-Top Investment Group chair Yan Lin, left, and project director Stonic Chu, second from left, talk with Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and other officials Monday evening.

# Local

## China-based tour company partners with local company

Over 50 government officials, tour agents, and representatives of Marianas Visitors Authority, the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Saipan Chamber of Commerce gathered last Monday evening to listen to a presentation led by U-Top Investment (Saipan), Inc.

U-Top Investment is a joint venture of both China-based U-Tour Group Co., Ltd. and CNMI-based Top Development Inc.

Also in attendance was Gov. Ralph DLG Torres who said "it is important that we not just support this, but endorse it as well." He expressed his appreciation to U-Top for investing in the CNMI.

Founded on Aug. 11, 1992, in Beijing, China, U-Tour Group Co., Ltd. has been at the forefront of overseas travel and tourism in China for over 20 years, helping millions of customers to travel the world. Ranking in the top 20 of the National Tourism Group, third in the top 100 travel agencies in China and among the top three tax and travel agencies in China, U-Tour Group Co., Ltd. was selected as the designated travel agency for the National Tourism Administration Bureau in 2014.

That same year, the company was listed on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange and became the first privately listed travel company on the A-share market. It has branches in Shanghai, Hebei, Chengdu, Shenyang, Harbin, Xi'an, Wuhan, Xiamen, Tianjin, Chongqing, Hangzhou, Kunming, Qingdao and other places in China.

As a leading non-state-owned, fully integrated travel, tourism and cross-border service conglomerate in China employing 4,000 staff nationwide with a total of 29 wholly-owned subsidiaries, the company has turned its sights to the CNMI.

To ensure that the firm makes smart investments in the CNMI, it has partnered with Top Development Inc., which has been operating on Saipan for nearly 25 years, and has worked to develop the China-based charter-flight-market segment.

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# $247,405 for power utilities and linemen training

**WASHINGTON**—The Office of Insular Affairs of the U.S. Department of the Interior has released $230,000 to support the 2018 Pacific Lineman Training program for linesmen from American Samoa, Guam, Ebeye, Majuro, Palau, Pohnpei, and Yap.

An additional $17,405 will enable the three U.S. Pacific territories of American Samoa, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands to send linemen to attend workshops and meetings sponsored by the Pacific Power Association.

Domenech

"[Interior] Secretary [Ryan] Zinke has prioritized energy independence and an important component of that is ensuring that teams in the islands are trained and expert to provide safe, consistent, and effective delivery of electricity throughout their communities," said Doug Domenech, assistant secretary of the Interior for Insular and International Affairs. "Families, health services, schools, the private sector, and other industries in the islands all rely on these services."

The FY2018 Maintenance Assistance Program funding provided is as follows:

¨ Yap State Public Service Corp.: $230,000 for the 2018 Pacific Lineman Training Program that will provide 26 weeks of nationally recognized basic lineman certification training from August 2018 to April 2019. Seventy-two power linemen from the seven insular areas of American Samoa (12), Guam (seven), Ebeye (two), Majuro (10), Palau (10), Pohnpei (10), and Yap (21) will participate.

Island utilities face severe shortages of qualified power linemen, due to attrition and retirement. The Pacific Lineman Training program ensures each island maintains adequately trained line crews, with the capability of operating and maintaining the power distribution infrastructure of their islands. Line crews on the islands have been effective in ensuring quality and reliable electrical service on the islands. They have also collaborated with other islands in bringing island power infrastructure back up following storms and typhoons in the region. Each island utility participating in the program is contributing to the matching dollar amount of $213,495 toward the total project cost of $443,495.

¨Pacific Power Association: $17,405 to support the 9th Annual Utility Engineers' Workshop and the 27th Annual Conference for 2018. Funding will support participation by the utilities' technical staff from American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands, and Guam to attend the workshop and conference. The territory governments will provide matching funds of $9,050.

The Maintenance Assistance Program provided by the U.S. Congress through the Office of Insular Affairs promotes and develops institutions and capacities toward the improvement of infrastructure operation and maintenance in the U.S. territories and freely associated states. ***(DOI)***

## CHINA

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with agents to launch the Hangzhou-Saipan charter flights operated by Beijing Capital Airlines, providing 500 flight seats weekly to the CNMI.

With a strong international presence and CNMI-based network and infrastructure offering air service, ground transportation, tour packages, and a host of other peripheral services and products, U-Top Investment (Saipan). Inc. has made it clear that it wants to be a part of the CNMI's success story and her continued growth.

"Controlled growth is important as well…Tourism development and conservation can be combined," said U-Top Investment Group chair Yan Lin and project director Stonic Chu.

U-Top Investment (Saipan), Inc. was established with the goal of catering to quality tourists while respecting the natural habitat of the CNMI. "We want to achieve sustainable tourism in the CNMI. We also want tourists to appreciate the people, culture and beauty of the islands. We have to protect the environment at all costs. People come here for those experiences," adds Chu. ***(PR)***

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## BISHOP

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Workforce Act of 2018, is still unavailable on the U.S. Congress website, a statement from Gov. Ralph DLG Torres contained the same provisions in U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski's (R-AK) S.2325, which extended the CW-1 program to 2029, reset the CW-1 slots for 13,000, and issued CW-1 petitions valid for three years to those who are qualified.

S.2325 garnered unanimous U.S. Senate support.

However, Murkowski's bill had an anti-fraud fee, which was deemed a revenue-generating provision. Only the U.S. House may introduce legislation that had revenue-generating provisions.

Due to this issue, Bishop agreed to introduce new legislation after the U.S. House Ways and Means Committee brought up the issue. According to a statement from the Torres administration, H.R. 5956 has gotten the clearance from Murkowski's office, the Department of Homeland Security, and the U.S. Ways and Means Committee.

"I thank Chairman Bishop for his partnership throughout the long, working group process, finding consensus on the policies included in the U.S. Workforce Act," said Sablan in a statement.

Bishop is also the U.S. House on Natural Resources Committee chairman, the committee to which H.R. 5956 was referred to.

"We will need the Democratic votes in the House to pass the U.S. Workforce Act and I intend to deliver," Sablan said in the same statement, adding that the minimum to pass a bill under suspension of the rules was through a two-thirds vote.

Sablan said that while he had hoped that the Senate bill would go to U.S. President Donald J. Trump for his signature, he remains optimistic that the new bill would pass the U.S. House when they return to session in June.

H.R. 5956, if exactly the same as S. 2325, would bump up the CW-1 slots to 13,000. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services on Nov. 2017 set the CW slot at 4,999 for fiscal year 2019 and 2,999 for the remainder of calendar year 2019.

Sablan referred to the cuts as "unnecessary" and "harming" to the CNMI economy.

## ERRATUM

In the article titled "Rezoning bill contradicts law on poker arcades" that *Saipan Tribune* published on May 23, 2018, it attributed a quote to Zoning board chair Diego Blanco. This is incorrect. The letter on which the story is based on should have attributed the quote to Zoning administrator Therese T. Ogumoro. Our apologies for this error. It was inadvertent.

## DRIVER

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ciate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio issued Friday a warrant for the arrest of the 50-year-old Kapileo on charges of homicide by vehicle, violating the speed limit, reckless driving, and driving while under the influence of alcohol.

The victim, a 38-year-old Chinese male, was hit by the sports utility vehicle that Kapileo was allegedly driving at the intersection of Chalan Pale Arnold Road and As Mahetog near the Saipan Ice and Water Co. last April 1.

The victim sustained severe injuries and was pronounced dead at the Commonwealth Health Center that same day at 9:45pm.

Police said that, according to a witness, after the car hit the victim, the driver kept driving south, then reportedly made a left turn on Mihaville in Garapan.

Police located the SUV seven hours later.

Kapileo is a habitual offender.

In September 2016, Kim-Tenorio slapped Kapileo with a one-month prison term for beating up his wife. After serving the prison term, he was placed on probation for one year.

Kapileo was ordered to complete alcohol abuse and anger management counseling.

A few days before, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho dismissed a case that charged Kapileo with criminal mischief for allegedly damaging a woman's case.

Camacho dismissed the case after the prosecution and the defense counsel agreed to the dismissal of the case.

On Aug. 11 2016, Camacho found as too lenient the Office of the Attorney General's plea deal that recommended a 19-day prison term for Kapileo in the criminal mischief case. The judge rejected the plea agreement.

Camacho noted, among other things, that Kapileo has been arrested several times since being released on the murder conviction.

Kapileo fatally shot his mother with a gun at their house in Garapan in December 1992, according to court records.

## ICE

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near Moonlight Shopping along Beach Road in Chalan Kanoa Wednesday morning.

On Friday, Niu and Li were taken to the U.S. District Court for the NMI for a bail hearing, with ICE charging them with improper entry by alien-misrepresentation and concealment of facts.

Chinese nationals, like Russian tourists, enter the CNMI under the conditional parole authority of Customs and Border Protection, which means they don't need to obtain a tourist visa prior to entering the CNMI.

According to ICE special agent Michael D. Lansangan, Niu and Li managed to enter the CNMI by lying to Customs and Border Protection officers that they are tourists, but they actually intended to live and find jobs on the island.

Lansangan said he and other Homeland Security Investigations personnel regularly receive tips and reports from the community about several illegal construction workers on Saipan, particularly in Chalan Kanoa, Susupe, and San Antonio.

He said the tips generally indicate that these workers are typically dressed in construction-type clothing and/or possess construction-related equipment, and can usually be seen in the early morning, waiting to be picked up by the side of the road.

In addition to these reports, Lansangan said he has done several investigations into illegally employed foreign nationals and many of them are working illegally in the CNMI as construction workers.

Lansangan said that, based on his surveillance, the illegal construction workers are being picked up by vehicles with other construction workers and equipment already loaded in them.

He said the vehicles often lack markings or logos, which would otherwise identify the company.

Lansangan said that in his interviews with these foreign construction workers, many of them were identified to be from China.

He said these workers admitted that they came to the CNMI as tourists under the CNMI-only conditional parole program, but fully intended to reside and work in the CNMI.

Many of these workers further allegedly admitted to having lied to CBP officers at the time of entry about their true intentions of coming to the CNMI.

Lansangan said that HSI Saipan personnel encountered Niu and Li in the Chalan Kanoa area last Wednesday. Liu and Li were later confirmed to be parole overstayers.

Liu and Li allegedly admitted to entering the CNMI as tourists and working illegally without authorization.

Lansangan said he and other HSI personnel saw Liu and Li sitting by the roadside below an apartment building next to Moonlight Shopping on Beach Road.

Liu and Li were seen holding hard hats, plastic bags, and bottled water. They were wearing clothing consistent with what construction workers would normally wear.

After Liu and Li admitted that they did not have valid U.S. immigration status, they were brought to the HSI Office, where Lansangan learned from records that Niu and Li entered Saipan as tourists under the CNMI-only conditional parole program on Jan. 4, 2016, and March 18, 2018, respectively.

Niu and Li were authorized to remain in the CNMI only until Feb. 3, 2016, and March 28, 2018, respectively.

During their interview, Niu and Li allegedly stated that they worked in construction in China prior to coming to Saipan.

Niu told authorities that he met a certain Zhao in China, who told him about better work opportunities on Saipan.

Li heard that it was easy to come to Saipan and find work here.

Niu allegedly paid Zhao 30,000 *renminbe* (about 4,696.01 U.S. dollars) for arranging his travel and hotel to Saipan. At Zhao's instruction, Niu lied to an immigration officer that he came to travel and for tourism.

Since arriving on Saipan, Niu has worked for several different employers despite a lack of authorization to work here.

Niu said that when HSI approached him last Wednesday, he was waiting for his current employer to pick him up and take him to the jobsite.

Li, on the other hand, allegedly paid a tour company in China a total of 60,000 RMB (approximately $8,955). The company arranged for Li to come to Saipan as a tourist on a tour package. He lied to an immigration officer that his intent to come to Saipan was for "tourism."

Li stated that he lost his baggage, wallet, and passport several days after arriving on Saipan.

## APPEAL

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Last month, Luis Segovia, a veteran living in Guam, along with other former state residents living in Guam, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, petitioned the Supreme Court to answer whether it is constitutional to deny absentee voting rights in these territories while allowing citizens living in other U.S. territories or even a foreign country to continue being able to vote for President and voting representation in Congress.

"We are thrilled with the support we have received for the idea that where you live should not impact your right to vote," said Neil Weare, who represents the plaintiffs in *Segovia v. United States* and is president of Equally American, a non-profit organization that advocates for equality and civil rights for the nearly 4 million Americans who live in U.S. territories. "Most Supreme Court petitions do not receive support from a single amicus brief, so it says a lot that three briefs have been filed in support of Supreme Court review here."

### Puerto Rico

Puerto Rico's brief challenges the view presented by the Seventh Circuit that ruling in favor of the Segovia plaintiffs would create so-called "super citizens," also addressing how continued disenfranchisement impacts the daily lives of Puerto Ricans and others in U.S. territories.

"The Supreme Court should reject the Seventh Circuit's idea that providing Puerto Ricans the same voting rights as other Americans would turn them into 'super citizens.' This is about equality—people who move to Puerto Rico should enjoy the same voting rights as those who move to other territories or a foreign country. That is why we continuously advocate for statehood, in order to end once and for all any unequal treatment," said Puerto Rico Gov. Ricardo Rosselló.

### Virgin Islands Bar Association

The Virgin Islands Bar Association argues in its brief that the Supreme Court should take the case as an opportunity to narrow or overturn the *Insular Cases*, a series of controversial Supreme Court decisions that were grounded in racial hostility toward the inhabitants of overseas territories.

"Despite indications from the Supreme Court that the *Insular Cases* should no longer be relied upon to deny constitutional rights in U.S. territories, lower courts continue to reflexively apply them to justify discrimination against the nearly 4 million Americans living in the territories. Unless the Supreme Court steps in, lower courts will continue to run amok," said VIBA president Anthony Ciolli.

### Voting rights scholars

Leading voting rights scholars argue in their brief that Supreme Court review is necessary to reverse the Seventh Circuit's decision to apply a lower level of judicial scrutiny to the regulation of voting rights in U.S. territories than it would apply to similar laws impacting Americans in other parts of the United States.

The brief highlights several ways the Seventh Circuit's decision conflicts with precedent from other federal courts. "Once a state legislature or Congress extends the right to vote to one group of people," the brief explains "it cannot deprive another identically situated group of people of the right to cast a vote purely based on geography."

Amici include Samuel Issacharoff, Reiss professor of constitutional law at NYU School of Law; Joshua Douglas, Robert G. Lawson & William H. Fortune associate professor of law at University of Kentucky College of Law; Chad Flanders, professor of law at Saint Louis University School of Law; Joseph Fishkin, Marrs McLean professor in law at the University of Texas at Austin School of Law; Nicholas Stephanopoulos, Fried professor of law at the University of Chicago Law School; and Ciara Torres-Spelliscy, Leon Highbaugh Sr. research chair and professor of law, Stetson University.

All case filings, including the petition and each of the amicus briefs, are available at http://www.equalrights-now.org/segovia.

Equally American is a non-partisan civil rights organization. It does not take a position on the political status of U.S. territories. ***(PR)***

# Nominations sought for FSA committee member

**WASHINGTON**—The U.S. Department of Agriculture encourages America's farmers and ranchers to nominate candidates to lead, serve and represent their community on their local county committee. USDA's Farm Service Agency will accept nominations for county committee members beginning Friday, June 15, 2018.

Producers across the country are already serving on committees where they play a critical role in the day-to-day operations of FSA, making important decisions on programs dealing with disaster and conservation, emergencies, commodity price loan support, county office employment and other agricultural issues.

## » Giving farmers a voice in their community

"Our county committees make decisions about how federal farm programs are administered locally to best serve the needs of agriculture in their community," said acting FSA administrator Steve Peterson. "We strongly encourage all eligible producers to visit their local FSA office today to find out how to get involved in their county's election. There's an increasing need for representation from underserved producers, which includes beginning, women and other minority farmers and ranchers."

Nationwide, more than 7,700 dedicated farmers and ranchers serve on FSA county committees, which consist of three to 11 members and meet once a month, or as needed. Members serve three-year terms.

Producers can nominate themselves or others. Check your local USDA service center to see if your local administrative area is up for election this year. Organizations, including those representing beginning, women and minority producers, may also nominate candidates to better serve their communities. To be eligible to serve on an FSA county committee, producers must participate or cooperate in an FSA program and reside in the area where the election is being held.

To be considered, a producer must sign an FSA-669A nomination form. The form and other information about FSA county committee elections are available at www.fsa.usda.gov/elections. All nomination forms for the 2018 election must be postmarked or received in the local FSA office by Aug. 1, 2018. Visit farmers.gov for more information.

Election ballots will be mailed to eligible voters beginning Nov. 5, 2018. ***(FSA)***

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Arlene Lizama graduates from Georgia College

**MILLEDGEVILLE, GA**—Arlene Lizama from Saipan graduated from Georgia College at the May 2018 commencement ceremony. Georgia College is the state's designated public liberal arts university. ***(PR)***

### UOG Cancer Research Center SMS project cancelled

The SMS pilot project of the U54 University of Guam Cancer Research Center has been cancelled. Study participants are requested to contact (671) 488-0932 for more information. ***(PR)***

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# House backs giving DPL authority to negotiate leases

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The House of Representatives would rather have the Department of Public Lands negotiate public land leases.

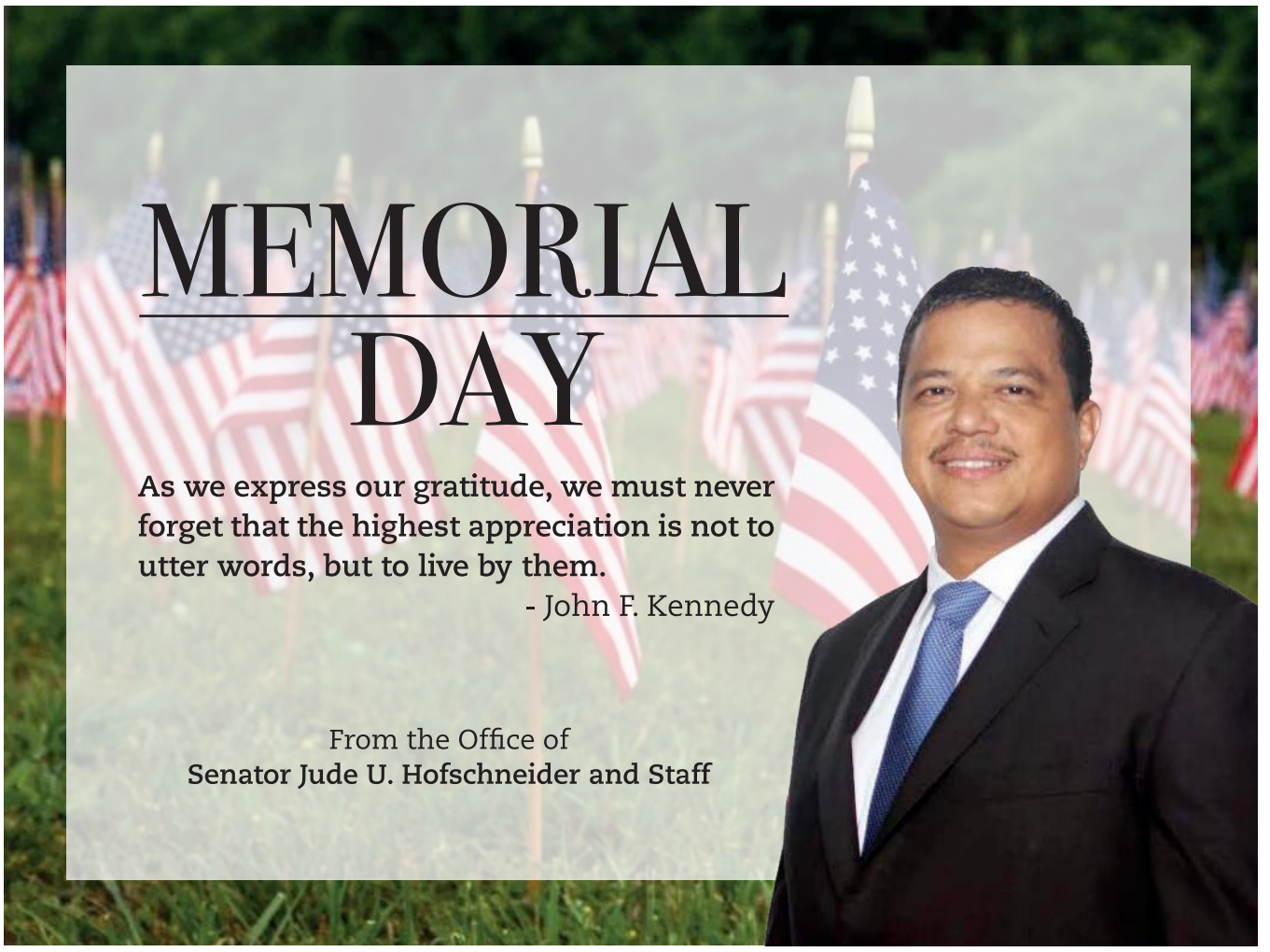
In their session on Tinian last Tuesday, the House backed House Speaker Rafael Demapan's (R-Saipan) House Bill 20-139, which grants the DPL secretary the authority to negotiate public land leases.

Citing previous court rulings that allow the Legislature and Executive Branch to "set the policies for the body tasked with the management and disposition of public lands as they see fit."

This means the DPL secretary may choose to enter or not enter a public land lease agreement that is not "limited by any regulation or policy, written or unwritten," if needed.

The bill specifies that this discretionary authority may only be exercised subject to the "fiduciary, constitutional, and statutory duties" of DPL.

Should the DPL secretary decide to exercise that discretionary authority, the secretary would specify each regulation or policy which impedes the proposed development and a detailed explanation of how the regulation or policy would affect it; explain how negotiating the public land lease is in line with DPL's fiduciary duties; and explain how the negotiations would be in the best interest of the CNMI.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# 3 more graduate from the CNMI Drug Court Program

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Three persons have been sober and met all conditions without any violations since joining the CNMI Drug Court Program in 2016, making them the second batch of graduates of the treatment program.

Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio, who has been presiding over the Drug Court sessions, granted assistant attorney general Chester Hinds' motion to dismiss the illegal possession of controlled substance charges against the three participants, including a woman.

*Saipan Tribune* was asked to withhold identifying the three.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, CNMI Supreme Court Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro, Superior Court Presiding Judge Roberto C. Naraja, Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa K. Kim-Tenorio, and some lawmakers presented the certificates of completion to the three graduates during the ceremony last Thursday at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

Kim-Tenorio later said they now have a total of five individuals who completed the program.

She said the three responded very well to treatment and were found ready to graduate after re-assessment. "So they graduated earlier than expected," said the judge, explaining that the program is between 18 to 24 months. The graduation for the three should have been either October this year or April next year.

Kim-Tenorio disclosed that there will be another graduation this August.

With another applicant accepted into the program, the number of active cases are back to 44.

Kim-Tenorio said in order to complete the program, it always begins with the efforts of the participants.

"If they don't want to recover and not ready to recover, it won't happen. It's all about them. You can treat somebody but if they don't want to be treated it's not going to work," she said.

The Drug Court had its first session on Dec. 22, 2016. Last March, two persons, including one who is now a Customs officer, were the first graduates of the program.

Recovery mentor Joaquin T. Sablan served as the keynote speaker during the graduation last Thursday.

Drug Court caseworkers Jaclyn T. Mendiola and Dolores I. Benavente, along Marianas Behavioral Health International Inc. counselor Grace S. Vaiagae, spoke about the accomplishments of three graduates and the phases of the treatment program.

Police Officer III Frederick Sato gave the case summary, such as how the graduates were arrested, how they started the program, and how they're determined to complete the program, among other things.

Chief Justice Castro delivered the closing remarks.

The District Court has a separate drug court program called the Drug Offender Reentry Program of the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

# USCIS efforts lead to NMI sentencing

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services efforts led to the sentencing of Arlene Hart last week for two counts of mail fraud.

Hart was sentenced for her participation in a scheme to defraud the government by submitting fraudulent documents to the USCIS California Service Center in support of CNMI-Only Transitional Worker applications for workers from the Philippines.

**» Sentencing related to CW applications for foreign workers**

Hart forged the signatures of the workers on the employment contracts submitted to USCIS and declared that she had non-temporary, full-time employment for the workers, which was not true.

"I'm immensely proud of our combined team of experts who aided in bringing these criminals to justice," said USCIS CSC director Kathy A. Baran. "The CSC will continue playing a key role in USCIS efforts to safeguard the integrity of our immigration laws, protect American workers and safeguard the homeland. I have every confidence that my team is ready, trained, and poised to do exactly that."

Hart was sentenced to eight months in prison as well as four months of home confinement, one year of supervised release after incarceration, and 50 hours of community service. ***(USCIS)***

# Kilili: Medicaid reforms for CNMI in Health Equity and Accountability Act

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**— Ending the cap on federal Medicaid payments to the Marianas and other insular areas and lowering the local match for these federal funds are among the improvements included in the new Health Equity and Accountability Act, introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives last Thursday.

Sablan

The legislation is a joint project of members of the Congressional Tri-Caucus, composed of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, and the Congressional Black Caucus. There are 105 members of the House in the Tri-Caucus.

"We know the Republican-controlled Congress will not pass this legislation," said Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), who is a member of both the Hispanic and Asian Pacific American caucuses. "But it is important that my constituents and the 125 million other Americans, who are represented by the Tri-Caucus, know exactly what our goals are for the day that we do control what legislation passes the House."

The HEAA permanently eliminates Medicaid funding limitations for the Northern Marianas, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, and American Samoa.

In fiscal 2016 the funding limit for the Marianas was $6 million. States have access to unlimited funding.

The Act also provides parity in the local match for federal Medicaid funds that insular areas pay. For the 50 states the local match is based on the income level in a state and can be as low as 24 percent of total funding. In the insular areas the local match is set by law at 45 percent, even though incomes in the islands are among the lowest nationwide.

In a statement announcing the introduction of the bill, the Tri-Caucus described the Health Equity and Accountability Act as its vision "for addressing persistent ethnic and racial health disparities and improving health outcomes in communities of color. By improving care for the families who need it most, we can ensure that all Americans—no matter their race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, age or language background—can stay healthy."

There are significant differences in the quality of health care among Americans. Cancer, diabetes, HIV, heart disease, and hepatitis disproportionately affect African American, Latino, Asian American, Pacific Islander, and Native Hawaiian populations. The risk of being uninsured is also higher for many in these groups.

In addition to the changes in Medicaid, the Health Equity and Accountability Act requires the federal government set up 110 health empowerment zones—at least one in each state and insular area—and provides $100 million to help improve health outcomes in the zones. A separate grant program would provide direct financial assistance to health providers and centers in the all the U.S. insular areas, including Hawaii.

"We have made important steps toward parity for the Marianas and the territories in education and other federal programs over the last years," Sablan noted. "And Obamacare gave the Marianas an extra $109 million in Medicaid funding to work with. Those funds expire at the end of 2019, however. So, federal healthcare programs are going to be a focus for us in the year ahead.

"Having the backing of the 105 members of the Tri-Caucus for these reforms puts us ahead of the game, when the next Congress convenes in January 2019." ***(PR)***

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# Up to $774K available to help special-needs families

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**—Island families with special needs children will be able to get—and give—help to other families with the same experience, as a result of work by Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) and other insular area representatives in the current Congress.

The representatives were able to expand the Family-to-Family Health Information Centers program to include U.S. territories and tribes in Public Law 115-123 this January, along with $12 million in funding to cover two year's cost. The U.S. Health Resources and Service Administration announced last week the funding is now available for the first year: up to $774,000 for each insular area.

"Special needs children and their families touch all our hearts," said Sablan. "And no one knows more about how to navigate the complexities of getting care for those kids than the families who have already done it. That is the power of the family-to-family centers. They are typically staffed by family members, who have first-hand experience on how to get access to healthcare services and programs for children and youth with special health care needs.

"This peer-to-peer counseling has proven to be a very effective model for ensuring that care gets to the kids who need it," Sablan noted.

The centers serve about one million family members nationwide, but until now the program was not available in the Marianas, Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. That can now change.

Insular area representatives in Congress succeeded in getting the necessary language into the Championing Healthy Kids Act, H.R. 3922, when it passed the House in December last year. They then lobbied to include expansion of the Family-to-Family program—and needed funding—when the Senate acted in January on a continuing appropriation measure that also reauthorized the Children's Health Insurance Program, or CHIP. Their provision is in Section 50501 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018. ***(PR)***

# Sex abuse suspect is found overcharged

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A Superior Court judge has determined that the Office of the Attorney General has overcharged a 35-year-old man accused of sexually abusing a 15-year-old girl.

Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho said all of the elements of sexual assault in the first degree—that defendant Jeffry M. Fernandez engaged in sexual penetration with the alleged victim without her consent—are all present in sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree, with the lack of consent in sexual assault matching up with the age requirement in sexual abuse of a minor.

"Thus charging both sexual assault in the first degree and sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree would expose the defendant to multiple punishments for the same offense," said Camacho in an order Wednesday that granted Fernandez's motion to dismiss the charge of sexual assault in the first degree.

The judge noted that the alleged offenses both arise out of the same alleged act or transaction.

He said allowing multiplicitous charges give the impression that Fernandez allegedly committed multiple offenses or that the defendant allegedly committed the same offense more than once.

"Without more information, the court declines to deviate from its previous approach of dismissing multiplicitous counts," Camacho said.

Assistant public defender Heather M. Zona, counsel for Fernandez, argued that the court should dismiss the charge of sexual assault in the first degree as it is the more general offense of the two charges, while the charge of sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree is more specific.

Citing precedent, Camacho said if a defendant is charged with both a specific and general offense covering the same conduct, the more specific should remain as the general offense is subsumed by the specific offense.

In Fernandez's motion to dismiss, Zona said the government claims Fernandez sexually penetrated the girl a single time and seeks to punish him for both sexually abusing the girl as well as sexually assaulting her as if she were of age.

"This is improper and a violation of Mr. Fernandez' right not to be placed in jeopardy twice for the same offense," Zona said.

Both charges arise out of a single alleged event which purportedly took place on June 8, 2016.

Double jeopardy, which means punishing an individual twice for one offense, is prohibited under both the U.S. and the CNMI constitutions.

In the government's opposition, assistant attorney general Teri Tenorio argued that the issue of multiplicitous charging should be resolved at the sentencing phase.

# Demapan worries over CW bill

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Rep. Angel A. Demapan (R-Saipan), who is locked in a political contest with incumbent Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) for the delegate position, thinks that Sablan's action related to the urgent legislation pertaining to the CNMI's foreign worker program could be harmful to the bill's passage.

In a letter to U.S. Rep. Rob Bishop (R-UT), who is helping the CNMI shepherd the CW legislation's passage in the U.S. House of Representatives, expressed worry over the passage of the new CW bill after Sablan "took to the steps of the Capitol with a handful of Democratic colleagues to grandstand and ridicule Republican leadership."

"…While this may be considered the norm in national politics during an election year, I have grave concerns over such unwelcome conduct at a time when the CNMI is leaning on Republican leaders like yourself and [U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)] to move an extremely important legislation through Congress and onto the desk of the U.S. President," Demapan wrote Bishop.

Demapan added that he hopes Bishop could "look beyond the political posturing of the CNMI delegate" and remain "focused on the economic livelihood" of the NMI.

*Saipan Tribune* could not immediately obtain Sablan's comments on the letter.

"I humbly apologize for the efforts of others who choose to go the extra mile to sabotage the work so many of our Commonwealth stakeholders have collectively worked on with you and chairman Murkowski to ensure that the CNMI is afforded the best deal for the long-term," Demapan added in his letter.

The U.S. House Parliamentarian had ruled that a provision in Murkowski's S.2325 would generate revenue—a source of a parliamentary problem since revenue-generating bills could only originate from the U.S. House. S.2325 was amended to include an anti-fraud fee, causing the parliamentary problem.

S.2325 seeks to reset the CW cap for fiscal year 2019 to 13,000; provide additional validity to long-time CW workers; and extend the CNMI transitional period, along with programs under it such as the CW program and the E-2C investor program, to fiscal year 2029. It unanimously passes the U.S. Senate.

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Marianas High School student-volunteers take shelter at the Imperial Pacific International's Corporate Social Responsibility tent before the start of the Marianas March Against Cancer at Hopwood Middle School.

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# FY 2019 Childcare State Plan in final draft stages

Maribel Loste, administrator for the Child Care and Development Fund Program, announced last week the availability of the final draft for Fiscal Year's 2019-2021 CCDF State Plan for public viewing and comment.

Under the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, the CCDF program provides resources to state, territory, and tribal grantees that enable low-income parents to work or pursue education and training so that they can better support their families while at the same time promoting the learning and development of their children.

Loste said the state plan includes ongoing family engagement, childcare financial assistance, ensuring equal access for low-income households, establishing a monitoring system for child care settings, the need to recruit and retain an effective childcare workforce, continuous quality improvement and overall program accountability.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres stated that the CCDF program has grown over the years, and has helped numerous families seek employment or complete their education after securing childcare.

"For many families, trustworthy childcare makes all the difference when seeking to better their lives, which is why I highly commend the CCDF administrator and team for their work on updating their state plan. We have a stronger peace of mind since the initiation of these improvements and I urge our community to take an active role in supporting and advocating for better childcare," Torres said.

Department of Community and Cultural Affairs Secretary Robert Hunter said the CCDF program provides funding to enhance the quality of childcare starting in November 2014.

"Back when the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 2014 was signed into law by U.S. Congress, the program has served to strengthen the health and safety of childcare. Our CCDF team has been very diligent in implementing such policies and I am very pleased by the progress of our childcare providers," Hunter said.

Loste added that all stakeholders and those involved in the childcare profession can provide their input to better the program's plans for the next three years.

"The state plan focuses on key functions for integrated care for low-income, working families and this plan can help parents make informed consumer choices and access information to support child development. We invite the community to take a look at the plan and the steps taken to improve the overall quality childcare in the Commonwealth," she said.

Four public hearings will be held to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the current provisions. The public is invited to comment orally or in writing at the following scheduled hearings:

- June 4, 2018: Kagman Community Center, 6pm
- June 5, 2018: Tinian Youth Center, 6pm
- June 7, 2018: Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center, 6pm
- June 8, 2018: Sinapalo Youth Center, 6pm

Copies of the proposed plan are available online at cnmicclp.org. For more information, call (670) 664-2576/2589/2575. ***(PR)***

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This weekend, we celebrate those men and women who gave their lives for a cause greater than ourselves. We honor their memories, the good times we shared with them while they were on Earth. We also honor the loved ones they left behind, for their selflessness in supporting their beloved's chosen vocations.

Memorial Day is a special day for all of us with many emotions that come with it. As one Commonwealth, let us all come together and pay tribute for our guardians who now protect and watch over us from above. Thank you for your service.

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RALPH DLG. TORRES

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# OIA awards $897,738 to support Guam and Pacific insular areas

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**— Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo (D-GU) issued the following statement last week regarding the U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs award of two federal grants totaling $897,738 in technical assistance for programs supporting programs in Guam, the CNMI, American Samoa, and the Freely Associated States. Each year, Bordallo supports strong congressional authorization and appropriation of federal funds for technical assistance grants for the territories provided by the OIA.

- $400,000 was awarded to support students participating in the Junior State of America program (formerly Junior Statesmen of America). The award will allow four students from Guam and each of the other insular areas to attend a three-week summer school program on the campuses of Georgetown, Princeton, or Stanford where they develop reading, writing, leadership, and speaking skills. Funding also supports a one-week academic preparation and community project program for 65 students in the insular areas and promotes political education as well as development of local JSA chapters in the islands.
- $497,738 was awarded to support the Pacific Island Ocean Observing System. The award will help PacIOOS enhance public safety with improved atmospheric and wave forecasts, as well as increase understanding of the Pacific Ocean and marine ecology in Guam, the CNMI, and American Samoa.

"The Junior State of America program is an excellent opportunity for students to learn about our democratic system of government and develop critical leadership and communication skills," said Bordallo. "This program has allowed many of our students from Guam and the other insular areas to travel off island and interact with other students from across the country. I am always happy to meet with our Guam students when they visit DC. I look forward to this award continuing to support this invaluable program.

"PacIOOS empowers ocean users and stakeholders in the Pacific by providing accurate, reliable coastal and ocean information, tools, and services that are easy to access and use. This grant will allow PacIOOS to continue to help the people of Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa remain safe and resilient." ***(PR)***

# $31K seized from birth tourism defendant forfeited

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U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona granted on Wednesday the prosecution's motion to forfeit in favor of the U.S. government the $31,960 that was seized from a tourist who was sentenced last week to 12 months and one day in prison after being convicted of running an illegal business that offered trip packages to pregnant Chinese women seeking to give birth on Saipan.

Manglona ordered that Sen Sun shall forfeit to the U.S. government the $8,541 that was seized upon his arrest and $23,419 confiscated during the search of his home.

The judge said the arguments in the U.S. government's motion are supported by the law and the facts.

The indictment charged Sun, a Chinese national, with harboring illegal aliens.

In the U.S. government's motion, assistant U.S. attorney Eric O'Malley said the criminal forfeiture allegation in the indictment gives Sun notice that conviction on count one would require him to forfeit to the U.S. a sum of money equal to proceeds derived from the offense.

O'Malley said that, on Dec. 8, 2017, Sun entered into a plea agreement with the U.S. in which he agreed to plead guilty to the indictment.

The prosecutor said in that plea deal, Sun did not contest the forfeiture of assets, including $8,541 seized from him upon his arrest, and $23,419 seized during the search of his residence.

The court accepted the plea agreement last Dec. 8.

O'Malley said at the sentencing hearing last Friday, he (O'Malley) stated without objection that it would submit an order seeking forfeiture of the $31,960.

O'Malley asked the court for a final order of forfeiture, declaring the money forfeited to the U.S.

At the sentencing hearing, Manglona gave Sun credit for the time he already served in prison and ordered him to pay a $1,000 fine and $100 in court assessment fee.

After serving his prison term, he will be deported.

O'Malley stated that between Jan. 1, 2017 and Nov. 3, 2017, Sun ran an illegal business operation arranging travel, medical, and other services to pregnant foreign citizens seeking to give birth in the NMI.

O'Malley said each of defendant's clients paid upward of $15,000 for this service that included a full-time assistant or nanny.

O'Malley said Sun employed the 15 workers knowing they were aliens who were not authorized to work here.

# Eco Camp back for summer

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Participants of the Eco Camp take part in a hiking activity.

Marianas Trekking and Mariana Resort and Spa will open Eco Camp on June 11.

Camp activities include snorkeling, kayaking, swimming, field trips, arts and crafts, go karts, hiking and field games.

"Eco Camp is one of our favorite things to offer to the local community each summer. Mariana Resort is such a great place to play. There is a lot of wide open space, the ocean is clean, the swimming pools are great for kids, and with the golf course, art room, and go kart track we can really create a fun and safe environment," said Chris Nelson, owner of Marianas Trekking. "This is our 19th year operating Eco Camp and we are looking forward to another great summer."

Eco Camp is designed for children between the ages of 4 and 13.

Camp will be held in one-week sessions throughout the summer.

Camp hours are 8:30am to 2:30pm and space is limited. Reservations can be made in person at the Marianas Trekking Adventure Center inside the Mariana Resort and Spa, by calling 323-8735, or at marianastrekking.com. ***(PR)***

# *Man'amko* takes over CNMI

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The elderly of Saipan were given the opportunity to take over positions of leadership in the CNMI as part of *Mes Man'amko* or Elderly Americans Month.

During the *Man'amko* Takeover Day last Monday, Cabinet positions like Department of Finance secretary, Department of Community Cultural Affairs secretary, and even the position of CNMI governor was filled by taken over by a select group of *man'amko*.

The switch did not only serve as means to celebrate Older American Month (or *Mes Man'amko*), it also served as a way for the CNMI elderly to get a glimpse of what it's like to run the islands these days.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres was excited to take his *man'amko* replacement for the day, Emmanuel Mikael, to all the meetings and events he had to attend last Monday.

According to Mikael, he enjoyed his time and learned that it takes a lot to govern the CNMI.

When asked if he would like to participate in the *Man'amko* Takeover Day again, Mikael said he would prefer another administrative position.

Mikael had the opportunity to take part in the ribbon-cutting of the new bus shelter built by Pacific Islands Club Saipan.

## JKPL NEWS

### Public library closed on Tuesday

The Joeten-Kiyu Public Library will be closed on Tuesday, May 29, in lieu of Memorial Day (Monday, May 28t). ***(PR)***

### Japanese class

On May 16, 2018, the Teen Summer Library Experience and Adult Summer Library Institute kicked off with an Intro to Japanese class taught by instructor Yoko Fujioka-Kern.

In a series of eight classes, participants will learn the basics of Japanese, such as basic pronunciation, Japanese history, culture, and simple vocabulary. Because it is part of the Collaborative Summer Library Institute, participants are able to count this class toward completing their reading log. Contact Emily Van Weerdhuizen for more information about the free Teen and Adult Summer Library Program at emily.jkpl@gmail.com or call 235-7323. ***(PR)***

For the latest news and events, visit the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library's website at www.cnmilib.org and like and/or follow JKPL's Facebook page, @joeten kiyu. The Joeten-Kiyu Public Library's hours of operation are as follows: Tuesday-Friday, 10am-6pm; Saturday, 9am-4pm; and closed Sundays, Mondays, and holidays.

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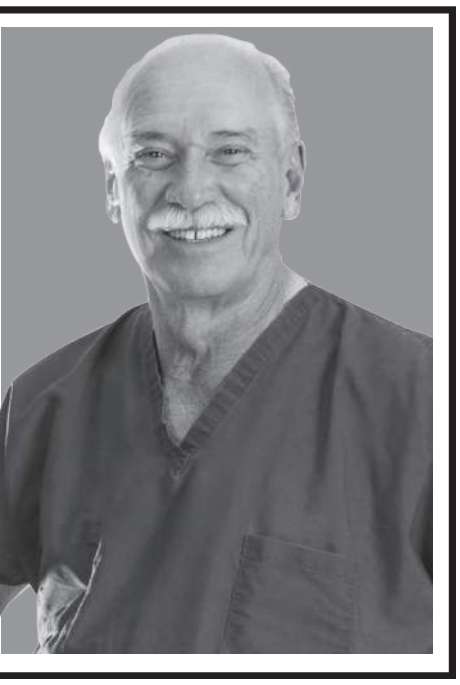

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## A Memorial Day request: Hoist a glass for Red today

The primary purpose of Memorial Day is to honor those who have sacrificed their lives to defend this country.

There have, though, been many millions of others who gave portions of their lives to warfare but survived. This day is theirs too.

Most, like a former Chicagoan named Red Madsen, have come home from wars to lead ordinary lives. Not that their lives are the same as they would have been if they hadn't seen the bloodshed, the shattered lives, the lonely deaths. Many carry to the grave more unspoken memories than they would like. Those memories help shape, often profoundly, who they are and what they believe.

Yet when the time comes to write their obituaries, their military service and all it meant to them get reduced to a few lines.

Not so with Red. When he died, his daughter, Patricia, wrote an obit that wove Red's military experience into the rest of his life. She knew he had advanced, island by island, with U.S. troops approaching Japan in the weeks before two atomic bombs ended World War II.

Not until after Red's death, though, did she learn he had earned a Bronze Star for combat heroism. He'd never mentioned it.

The obit was submitted to *The Des Moines Register*, where it charmed a young reporter who came across it. He shared it with a few friends. Since then, ever-fainter photocopies have quietly circulated throughout the Midwest.

Here, with Patricia Anne Madsen's permission, is an excerpt from her celebration of her father's life:

Harry N. "Red" Madsen, 76, retired railroad brakeman, died Sept. 15, 1996, in Audubon, Iowa, 13 miles from where he was born.

After graduating from Audubon High School, he moved to Chicago. Shortly after Pearl Harbor, he enlisted in the Army, which put him in the Signal Corps. During training, he met Betty Kaplan, of Brooklyn, N.Y., and married her in Stuart, Fla., before he was shipped to the Pacific. When the Army finally let Red go in 1946, he and Betty settled in Chicago. He returned to Audubon and Westphalia, Iowa, working as a custom butcher. He later worked the railroad, most of the time for the Chicago & North Western. He married three times, with two of his spouses passing away.

Red Madsen loved his wives, his kids, everybody else's kids, his family, dogs, fishing, whittling, doodling, reading (especially Mark Twain), Cord automobiles, hoisting a few with friends and telling stories. It pleased him that mischief might break out at any time, but it distressed him if anyone got hurt by it, unless maybe it was some powerful S.O.B. who deserved it.

He hated hypocrisy, racial injustice (or any other kind), war and giving orders. He worked hard, played hard, loved hard, and there was not much in the world that didn't inter-

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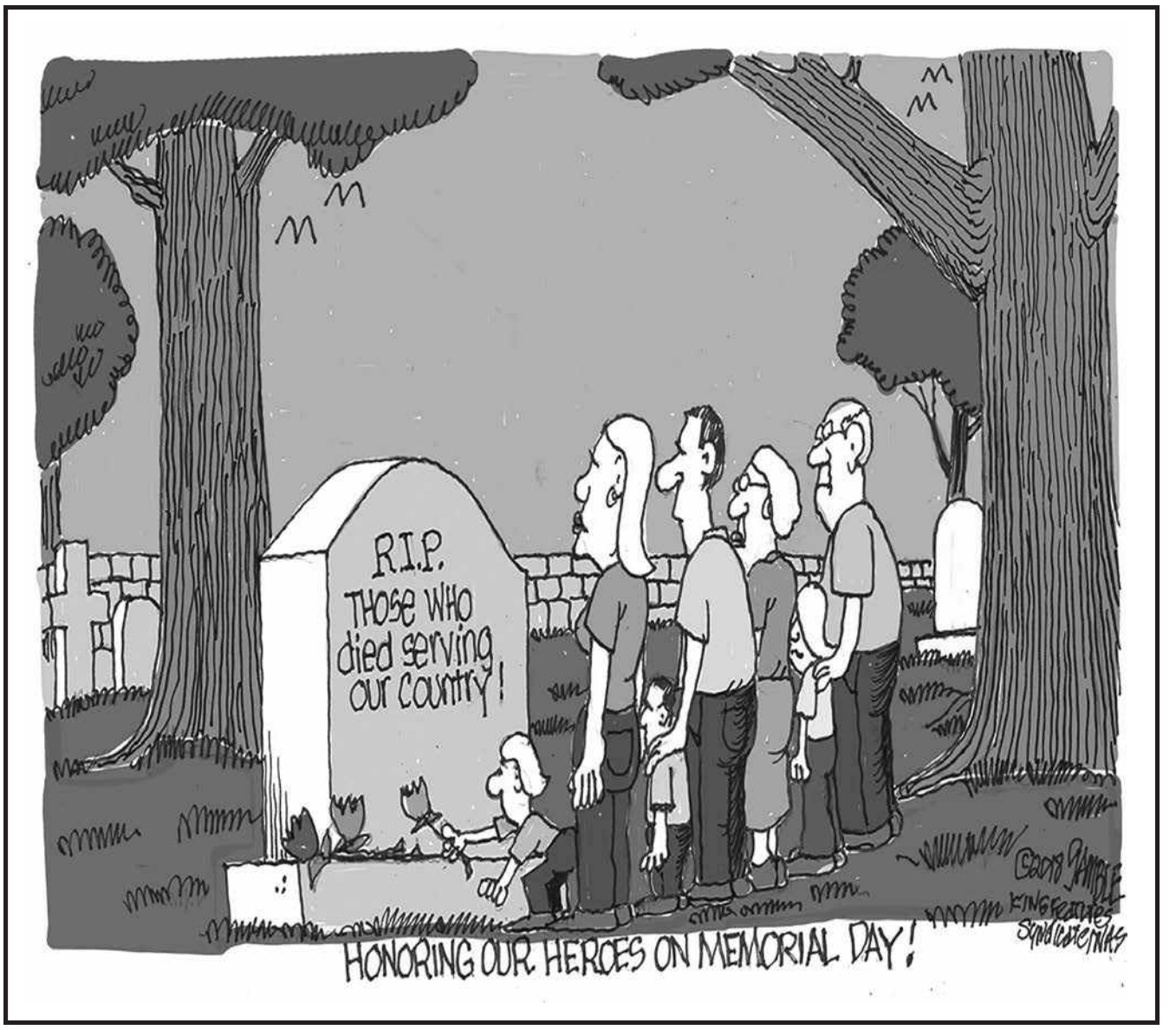


## Israel will survive the Middle East

**By CHAIM LANDAU**
THE BALTIMORE SUN

Last week Israel turned 70. In historical terms, that is such a young age for a country. Yet look at what it's accomplished: The only democracy in the Middle East, Israel has transformed itself from a strong agricultural producer into a technological powerhouse.

And for its birthday, it was awarded a number of international gifts. First, it won this year's Eurovision Song Contest with an electronic dance entry from 25-year-old Neta Barzilai. But of even more lasting duration, President Donald Trump kept true to his election promise, and recognized Jerusalem as Israel's historical capital by moving the American embassy there. Speeches, dancing and singing in the streets marked the unbelievable occasion.

Many presidents have promised such a move, but only Mr. Trump followed through, sending members of his family as well as Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin to elevate the celebratory atmosphere.

But the Western media were not at all happy. For weeks before, and especially during the festivities, the terrorist group known as Hamas called upon Palestinians to converge in Gaza to the fence which separates it from Israel, and, according to some of their leaders "tear out the hearts" of the Israelis. You might not be surprised to learn that there are multiple Israeli towns and villages not too far from the border fence, and when about to face some 50,000 angry and rioting individuals who have no love for Israelis, dangerous things are going to happen. For the Palestinians still see the creation of the State of Israel as the biggest calamity that has ever happened—the nakba. And so as Israelis celebrated the American embassy, Palestinians protested it on the day of and for weeks before.

Hamas marked these demonstrations as Days of Rage with the intent of marshaling as many people as possible to vent their anger and hatred against the Jewish state. Some actually came armed with incendiary devices, others with Molotov cocktails, others with lit kites to fly over the fence and to burn up property on the Israeli side. But even more to the point, they came to face off against the Israeli army, who they knew would be there waiting for them, and the entire event became a stage for Hamas to utilize the liberal Western media by egging on the protestors to provoke the soldiers to fire. It then turns out that out of the 60 protestors killed by the Israeli army, most of them were terrorist Hamas members who were using the protest as their opportunity to attack the soldiers.

"The Palestinians' more sophisticated friends know what Hamas is all about. THEY understand that people whipped into a frenzy by an organization that exists to destroy Jews aren't exactly latter-day Freedom Riders," Sohrab Ahmari, a senior writer at Commentary magazine, wrote. But "by the Western media's dim lights, the blame for Hamas' criminal stunt and the casualties it caused lay with ... anybody and everybody but Hamas and the Palestinians."

Hamas, do you need any reminding, are the terrorists famed for building underground tunnels that run from Gaza to parts of southern Israel with the clear intention of killing Israelis and taking many others hostage to negotiate prisoner releases. Many of these tunnels have been found by the Israeli security forces, but they continue to be built in ever-growing levels of sophistication for the very purposes of bringing their war to the subterranean doorstep of Israel.

You want to understand what is happening here? Let me conclude with the following well known story. A fox reaches the Suez Canal in the Middle East and wonders how he will cross it. While deep in thought, a scorpion creeps up and asks the fox if he would be so kind as to allow the scorpion to crawl up on his back while being taken to the other side of the canal. The fox responds that this will fail because the scorpion could just inject the fox with poison. Says the scorpion: Why would I do that and kill us both? The fox acceded and began to swim across the Suez with the scorpion riding him. Suddenly the scorpion stings the fox who then cries out: Now we both will die. Responds the scorpion: This is the Middle East.

Blame everyone for the Palestinian deaths and injuries except for the Palestinians. The Jewish state has survived countless wars, terrorism and the continuing anger of the Western media. It will also survive the Middle East.

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# An appeal to reconsider HLB 20-48: A pastoral letter

By RYAN JIMENEZ, DD
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

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*Most Rev. Ryan Jimenez, DD is the bishop of the Parish of Chalan Kanoa.*

As your bishop, I must exercise my obligation to inform you about several pending bills in our Legislature that will affect the common good if enacted into law. These pending bills deal with gambling.

Leadership in a community is a sacred trust. It is the responsibility of everyone in the community—but particularly the leaders in the community—to pursue the common good for the benefit of the community. It is helpful to remember that the common good refers to those circumstances which allow us to become that which God created us to be. Thus the common good includes not only economic benefit but cultural, educational, spiritual, moral and material development.

Part of the role of the Church is to be a moral guide. That is, the church must help the community discern what is the best path to take as it establishes policies and laws in pursuit of the common good, based on the principles found in the Gospels.

In discerning the morality of various acts several criteria can be used. A particular act can be seen as inherently good, neutral, or evil. An inherently good action should be pursued. An inherently evil action should be avoided. A neutral act should be considered in light of additional criteria. Saving a life or helping someone in dire need would be an inherently good act. The taking of innocent life, as in murder, is inherently evil.

In its desire for a sustainable economic and tax base the CNMI leadership has flirted with commercial gambling for decades. This often has taken the form of poker machines and casinos. Gambling has traditionally been considered by the church to be a morally neutral act. The criteria that are applied is an examination of the consequences of this technically neutral act. That is, what impact does commercial gambling have on the community? Does it promote the common good? Does it work against the common good?

Regarding the various proposals, the church has consistently opposed the various forms of commercial gambling that have been proposed for the CNMI. Commercial gambling has been a consistent source of problems for many people in the local community who have suffered from gambling addiction, loss of property value due to proximity to gambling establishments and increased crime rates. Karidat and our clergy have had firsthand experience over the decades in trying to help persons who have been negatively impacted by commercial gambling. It is because of this experience and the negative consequences of commercial gambling that the church has opposed commercial gambling in this community.

Several years ago, a zoning law was passed which provided for commercial gambling but limited it to specific areas that would focus on the tourist industry and avoid the negative consequences it has had on the local community. This seemed a reasonable compromise. Recently the Legislature passed H.L.B. 20-48, which rezones previous residential areas into mixed commercial/residential areas, with the intention of allowing commercial poker establishments in residential areas. It appears that this bill will undo the compromise embodied in the current zoning law. Further, the bill was passed without public hearings and contrary to the recommendation of zoning professionals.

As bishop of the people of God in the CNMI, I respect the right of the Legislature to pass laws regulating public life in the CNMI, even if I disagree with certain measures, such as the expansion of commercial gambling. I respect the right of the governor to sign or veto those bills sent to him by the Legislature and then to enforce those laws. However, as bishop, I request that H.L.B. 20-48 not be signed into law. Allow the community to present testimony and debate the issue by holding hearings on rezoning. Provide an example of real leadership, that is not afraid to pursue the common good in the light of public scrutiny and debate.

## MEMORIAL

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hard, and there was not much in the world that didn't interest him. If he knew you could use $20 and he had it to give, you'd have it. He despised locks and rarely used them—liked to say that if some poor so-and-so needed something that badly, he shouldn't have to break in too.

He left very little behind except exasperated commanders, bemused bosses, charmed waitresses and a special place in the heart of nearly everyone who ever met him, all of whom are happy he has been released from pain and sorry as hell to lose him.

Contributions may be made as follows: Hoist one in Red's memory and overtip the waitress by a fair factor. If you can't stop at one, just overtip the waitress—she needs it more than you. Give a bum a dollar, maybe five, and for once, don't worry about what he'll do with it. Learn something new. Make a fool of yourself so a child will laugh. Help get food to the hungry and don't worry about whether they deserve it. Don't worry about being safe.

In fact, don't waste much energy worrying at all. Let life break your heart, and not just once. Love your neighbor and yourself and your God, if you're lucky enough to have one, with your whole heart. Every now and then, when no one is looking, go ahead and pick a flower you're not supposed to pick, but quick as you can, give it to someone.

Remember, the second year the same person plants sweet corn next to where you work, they must mean for you to have some, because they know what happened last year.

And if someone uses a racial epithet around you, let 'em know that you'd just as soon they didn't, because Red Madsen and a lot of other guys got shot at by people who thought that way, and you don't want to be on the same side as anybody who would take a shot at Red.

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# Trump's improving numbers belie electability issue

**By JONATHAN BERNSTEIN**
Bloomberg View

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We're now a third of the way into President Donald Trump's four-year term. It's time to check in on his approval ratings again.

The good news for Trump: He's sustained his 2018 public opinion rally. Via FiveThirtyEight, through Wednesday he was about 6 percentage points better than his mid-December low point. That leaves him right around 42 percent approval. He's plateaued for now, staying around the same spot for the last two weeks. He's also continued to move up, albeit not quite in a straight line, so that this 42 percent approval level is higher than he was in April.

I do think that moving from the mid- to high 30s into the low 40s probably has some important political consequences. If he can stick around at this level, the chances of a serious primary challenge will start dropping. I've been thinking that 40 percent approval is probably the approximate dividing line, with anything under that marker pushing ambitious Republicans to begin thinking it might be riskier to sit on the sidelines in 2020 than to challenge someone who might well be seen by then as a certain loser.

It's also true that every small improvement in presidential popularity should mean fewer losses for Republicans in November.

That's the good news.

The bad news is that his approval rating through 489 days is once again dead last among all presidents during the polling era at this point. He had moved past both Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter for a while, but both of them had (short-lived) small rallies at this point. Right now, Trump is in last, followed by Carter and Harry Truman at 43.1 percent, Ford at 44.2 and Ronald Reagan at 45.0. If Trump continues to rally, he has a decent chance to move up several slots, and as long as the bottom doesn't drop out, he'll exit last place soon. But make no mistake: Trump continues to be a highly unpopular president, and he's by far the least popular over the course of the first 16 months by a large margin.

As far as why he's moved up some, Mark Blumenthal at SurveyMonkey took a look recently, and while he has several interesting findings, he can't really solve the puzzle. The problem is that there are just far too many stories in the news to be able to really know which, if any, are moving voters. What does appear to be the case, however, is that Trump's recovery is in large part due to conservative Republicans who had wavered on coming back to him—and that a hard core of close to half the electorate still wants no part of the president. It's a good reminder that unless he can find some way to change the basic opinion structure that he's had since his candidacy began, he has an extraordinarily difficult needle to thread in order to win an election.

Of course, he did that—barely, but that's enough—in 2016. If he can manage to peak at just the right moment and get lucky with the distribution of his support, he might do it again even with half the nation strongly against him. But I wouldn't want to bet on it, and so far there's not any remote sign that he's interested in appealing to those who might become weak supporters instead of strong opponents.

# George Zimmerman is broke? Thank you karma

By GEORGE DIAZ
ORLANDO SENTINEL

**ORLANDO, Fla.**—And so George Zimmerman says he is $2.5 million in debt and has no income.

Awwww. Can you see my crocodile tears streaming down your smart phone or computer?

It seems to me that karma is dealing with Mr. Zimmerman, Nature's Way of righting a wrong.

Zimmerman got a hall pass on the night of Feb. 26, 2012, when he confronted Travon Martin, a black teen-ager who wasn't looking for trouble. But Zimmerman most certainly seemed to be in his pretentious role of community watchdog.

We all know what happened next: Martin died following a confrontation with Zimmerman. A jury found Zimmerman not guilty of second-degree murder in the summer of 2013.

Zimmerman, by many accounts, won the legal lottery that day. The verdict was right from a legal standpoint. But not so much when it came to moral standards, and a tragedy escalated by Zimmerman's actions.

A long list of contentious dustups and confrontations since that hearing leaves most folks thinking two things:

Zimmerman is a damaged human being. Flawed at best, deplorable at his worst. Maybe both.

It leads us to this: Zimmerman stands accused of sending threatening messages to private investigator Dennis Warren, who had contacted him about a documentary series on Trayvon Martin produced by rapper Jay Z.

Zimmerman is trying to beat the rap by filing a not-guilty plea and requesting a jury trial.

But he claims to be broke, which is why he will be represented by the Public Defender's Office.

But hey, didn't Georgie Boy profit off this tragedy auctioning off the gun he used to kill Martin? He made a nice chunk of cheese, $250,000 from that transaction in 2016.

What about the money he made from selling his paintings of the Confederate battle flag in 2015?

"I painted the confederate flag backed by the American flag because I believe that anything can stand with the American flag behind it," he said at the time. "My confederate flag painting also represents the hypocrisy of political correctness that is plaguing this nation."

He must have "political correctness" confused with anyone who might have a smidge of human decency and not buying his racist propaganda.

I also humbly suggest to Georgie Boy that in addition to legal representation, he find himself a good financial planner.

Are they available pro bono in prison? Asking for a friend.

# The Weather

## 5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

| TODAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. |
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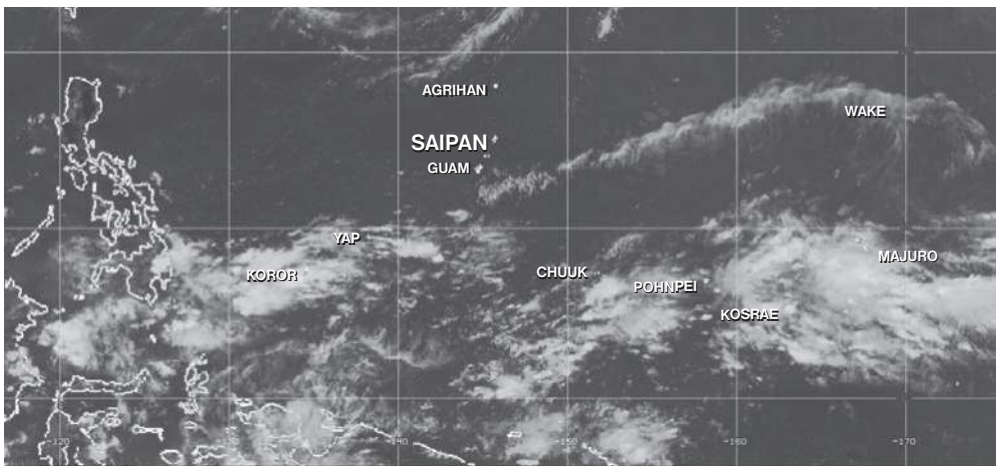
## YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE




**PICTURE TIME: 8:02 PM, SUNDAY, MAY 27, 2018**
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

The dry weather continues for much of the week, though there are some showers moving across southern Guam at this time. There could be a few more clouds Monday into Tuesday and the possibility of a few more showers, though the latest guidance is not as supportive of showers as previous runs were. The best chances for clouds and showers look to be Friday or over the weekend when the guidance still suggests a circulation will be near the Marianas. The GFS develops a circulation to the south and west of the Marianas by Saturday. The NAVGEM has shifted its position from north and east further south and ultimately west. The ECMWF still is the weakest solution, with a large trough to the west of the islands and no closed circulation. The situation bears watching and regardless, we will likely see more clouds and the potential for more showers.

*Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/*

| MICRONESIA | ▲ ▼ °F | |
|---|---|---|
| Guam and Rota | Thunderstorm | 87° / 79° |
| Palau | Thunderstorm | 85° / 77° |
| Yap | Thunderstorm | 87° / 79° |
| Chuuk | Thunderstorm | 86° / 81° |
| Pohnpei | Thunderstorm | 85° / 78° |
| Kosrae | Thunderstorm | 85° / 78° |
| Majuro | Thunderstorm | 85° / 80° |

| AROUND THE GLOBE | ▲ ▼ °F | |
|---|---|---|
| Auckland | Sunny | 57° / 46° |
| Beijing | Mostly Sunny | 86° / 64° |
| Hong Kong | Sunny | 91° / 82° |
| Honolulu | Partly Cloudy | 85° / 74° |
| London | Thunderstorm | 81° / 61° |
| Los Angeles | Partly Cloudy | 76° / 60° |
| Manila | Thunderstorm | 97° / 82° |
| Melbourne | Showers | 61° / 46° |
| Miami | Thunderstorm | 82° / 78° |
| New York | Sunny | 73° / 64° |
| Osaka | Partly Cloudy | 81° / 66° |
| Paris | Thunderstorm | 82° / 63° |
| Busan | Partly Cloudy | 72° / 61° |
| Rome | Partly Cloudy | 82° / 64° |
| Salem | Thunderstorm | 80° / 69° |
| San Francisco | Mostly Cloudy | 58° / 50° |
| Seoul | Partly Cloudy | 75° / 61° |
| Tokyo | Partly Cloudy | 77° / 64° |
| Washington, DC | Showers | 83° / 69° |

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- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.net

| TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY | | FEET |
|---|---|---|
| 12:42 AM | HIGH TIDE | 0.90 |
| 6:10 AM | LOW TIDE | 1.46 |
| 1:22 PM | HIGH TIDE | -0.11 |
| 7:59 PM | LOW TIDE | 1.79 |

| DAY | SUNRISE | SUNSET |
|---|---|---|
| Today | 5:46 AM | 6:42 PM |
| Tuesday | 5:45 AM | 6:42 PM |
| Wednesday | 5:45 AM | 6:43 PM |
| Thursday | 5:45 AM | 6:43 PM |
| Friday | 5:45 AM | 6:43 PM |

| DAY | MOONRISE | MOONSET | MOONRISE |
|---|---|---|---|
| Today | - | 4:40 AM | 5:33 PM |
| Tuesday | - | 5:23 AM | 6:25 PM |
| Wednesday | - | 6:08 AM | 7:18 PM |
| Thursday | - | 6:54 AM | 8:06 PM |
| Friday | - | 7:41 AM | 8:55 PM |

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## FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 8, 2018

### DEPARTURES

**SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)**

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|---|---|---|---|
| UA6394 | 4:15am | 5:05am | Daily |
| UA6392 | 8:40am | 9:30am | Daily |
| UA6391 | 1:30pm | 3:10pm | 1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota |
| UA6390 | 2:20pm | 3:10pm | 2, 3, 6 |
| UA6398 | 6:05pm | 6:55pm | Daily |
| UA6396 | 9:50pm | 10:40pm | Daily |

**SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)**

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|---|---|---|---|
| UA6391 | 1:30pm | 2:05pm | 1, 4, 5, 7 |

**ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)**

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| UA6391 | 2:35pm | 3:10pm | 1, 4, 5, 7 |

**SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)**

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| 7C3451 | 3:10am | 6:10am | 1, 7 |
| 7C3451 | 4:00am | 7:05am | 4, 5 |

**SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TW308 | 2:00am | 6:05am | Daily |
| OZ626 | 2:10am | 6:00am | 1 |
| OZ626 | 2:50am | 6:40am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| LJ652 | 3:40am | 7:30am | 1, 4, 5, 7 |
| 7C3403 | 4:45am | 8:30am | Daily |
| 7C3401 | 4:00pm | 7:45pm | Daily |

**SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)**

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|---|---|---|---|
| 3U8648 | 5:40am | 8:40am | 1, 4, 5, 7 |

**SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)**

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|---|---|---|---|
| JD396 | 7:30am | 12:00pm | 1 |
| JD396 | 4:50pm | 10:00pm | 4 |

**SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)**

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|---|---|---|---|
| 3U8646 | 4:20am | 7:30am | 2, 6 |

**SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)**

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|---|---|---|---|
| MU764 | 1:30am | 6:35am | 3, 5, 7 |

**SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)**

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| OZ626/701 | 2:10am | 10:55am | 1 via ICN |
| OZ626/701 | 2:50am | 10:55am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
| UA6394/191 | 4:15am | 9:00am | 2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM |
| UA6394/PR111 | 4:15am | 8:10am | 7 via GUM |
| UA6394/PR111 | 4:15am | 9:20am | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via GUM |
| UA6398/183 | 6:05pm | 9:40pm | 2, 5 via GUM |
| UA6398/183 | 6:05pm | 9:50pm | 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM |
| UA6398/193 | 6:05pm | 11:50pm | 2, 5 via GUM-ROR |

**SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)**

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| HX077 | 1:50am | 5:15am | 1, 4 |
| OZ626/721 | 2:10am | 11:50am | 1 via ICN |
| OZ626/721 | 2:50am | 11:50am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
| UO43 | 5:45am | 8:40am | 1, 3, 5, 7 |
| UA6398/159 | 6:05pm | 11:00pm | 1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM |

### ARRIVALS

**GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN**

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| UA6395 | 7:15am | 8:05am | Daily |
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| UA6390 | 12:10pm | 1:50pm | 2, 3, 6 via Rota |
| UA6397 | 4:45pm | 5:35pm | Daily |
| UA6399 | 8:30pm | 9:20pm | Daily |

**GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)**

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| UA6390 | 12:10pm | 12:45pm | 2, 3, 6 |

**ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN**

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| UA6390 | 1:15pm | 1:50pm | 2, 3, 6 |

**BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN**

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| 7C3452 | 9:00pm | 2:10am+1 | 4 |
| 7C3452 | 9:05pm | 2:10am+1 | 3, 6, 7 |

**SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN**

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| 7C3402 | 9:30am | 3:00pm | Daily |
| OZ625 | 7:40pm | 1:00am+1 | 7 |
| TW307 | 7:45pm | 1:00am+1 | Daily |
| OZ625 | 8:20pm | 1:40am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 |
| LJ651 | 9:10pm | 2:40am+1 | 3, 4, 6, 7 |
| 7C3404 | 10:10pm | 3:40am+1 | Daily |

**SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN**

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| 3U8647 | 10:20pm | 4:30am+1 | 3, 4, 6, 7 |

**HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN**

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| JD395 | 8:25am | 3:30pm | 4 |
| JD395 | 9:55pm | 5:00am+1 | 7 |

**GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN**

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|---|---|---|---|
| 3U8645 | 7:40pm | 3:00am+1 | 1, 5 |

**BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN**

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|---|---|---|---|
| MU763 | 4:25pm | 12:30am+1 | 2, 4, 6 |

**MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN**

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| UA182/6395 | 12:40am | 8:05am | 3, 6 via GUM |
| UA190/6397 | 9:55am | 5:35pm | 2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM |
| OZ702/625 | 12:25pm | 1:00am+1 | 7 via ICN |
| OZ702/625 | 12:25pm | 1:40am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |
| PR110/UA6395 | 10:05pm | 8:05am+1 | Daily via GUM |
| UA192/6395 | 10:30pm | 8:05am+1 | 2, 5 via ROR-GUM |
| UA184/6395 | 10:55pm | 8:05am+1 | 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM |

**HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN**

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| OZ722/625 | 1:15pm | 1:00am+1 | 7 via ICN |
| OZ722/625 | 1:15pm | 1:40am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |
| HX076 | 5:15pm | 12:15am+1 | 3, 7 |
| UO42 | 6:50pm | 1:45am+1 | 7 |
| UO42 | 9:30pm | 4:25am+1 | 2, 4, 6 |
| UA116/6395 | 11:55pm | 8:05am+1 | 1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM |

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, JD Beijing Capital, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, LJ Jin Air, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, PR PAL Express; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The* Saipan Tribune *is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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**SAIPAN TO ROTA**

| FLIGHT # | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1301 | 7:30AM | 8:00AM | Daily |
| 1302 | 11:30AM | 12:00PM | Daily |
| 1303 | 4:00PM | 4:30PM | Daily |

**ROTA TO SAIPAN**

| FLIGHT # | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3101 | 8:15AM | 8:45AM | Daily |
| 3102 | 1:45PM | 2:15PM | Daily |
| 3103 | 4:45PM | 5:15PM | Daily |

**ROTA TO GUAM**

| FLIGHT # | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
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| 3401 | 12:15PM | 12:45PM | Daily |

**GUAM TO ROTA**

| FLIGHT # | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4301 | 1:00PM | 1:30PM | Daily |

**SAIPAN TO TINIAN**

| FLIGHT # | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
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| 1201 | 7:00AM | 7:15AM | Daily |
| 1202 | 8:00AM | 8:15AM | Daily |
| 1203 | 9:00AM | 9:15AM | Daily |
| 1204 | 10:00AM | 10:15AM | Daily |
| 1205 | 11:00AM | 11:15AM | Daily |
| 1206 | 12:00PM | 12:15PM | Daily |
| 1207 | 1:00PM | 1:15PM | Daily |
| 1208 | 2:00PM | 2:15PM | Daily |
| 1209 | 3:00PM | 3:15PM | Daily |
| 1210 | 4:00PM | 4:15PM | Daily |
| 1211 | 5:00PM | 5:15PM | Daily |
| 1212 | 6:00PM | 6:15PM | Daily |

**TINIAN TO SAIPAN**

| FLIGHT # | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
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| 2102 | 7:30AM | 7:45AM | Daily |
| 2103 | 8:30AM | 8:45AM | Daily |
| 2104 | 9:30AM | 9:45AM | Daily |
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# Insular Cases Doctrine still has value

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This beautiful group of islands we call home is under the auspices of the United States of America with a series of papers called the Insular Cases Doctrine. The laws of this doctrine were put into action from 1903 to settle the constitutional and political status of the numerous territories the U.S. attained after triumphing in the Spanish-American War of 1898. It fundamentally states that, even if a child is born on U.S. soil, a territory of the U.S., he or she would have a much inferior status compared to that of a child born in the U.S. mainland. Some of the rights the territorial-born U.S. citizens are not given are voting rights, rights to bear arms: and right to apply for federal and specific state professions. Many are furious with this law because it conveys racism, not to mention that the so-called "qualified" citizens of the U.S. said it is unjust to integrate us "alien races" through the rules of the Anglo-Saxons.

The Insular Cases Doctrine does restrict the rights of the U.S. citizens of the territories as compared to those of the citizens of the 50 states with no right to vote as an individual as well as no right to have a voting representation in Congress. Furthermore, many will agree with the argument made in Rossello v. United States that denying the territories' U.S. citizens voting representation in the federal government is equal to the U.S. violating its international legal obligations under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and the American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man. As U.S. citizens, the people of the unincorporated territories need the same political rights as the guaranteed rights of the mainland citizens.

Say the Insular Cases Doctrine never existed. Then all the unincorporated areas held in the U.S.'s hands will be given the exact same rights as those states in the mainland have had since birth. This thought may delight us since we all have equal political rights But the Insular Cases do more than divide us from our colleagues in the mainland. It also has provisions that help the locals maintain their ties to the islands. While the law strips us of certain representations, it also stipulates that only those of Chamorro and/or Carolinian descent ("those of Northern Mariana Islands descent, an NMD, as defined in

the Constitution") may have the right to own land here. To everyone else in the community not an NMD, the Insular Cases and Article 12 positions the law that 55 years is the longest he or she can hold real property. If it weren't for this limitation, the islanders of the 20th century would have sold miles of the precious land to newcomers to ensure economic sustainability. In other words, the CNMI would have had to go through the exact same outcome that the native Hawaiians and Native Americans had to suffer, basically losing the rights to the land they were born to. Moreover, this restriction has protected the islands from drastic overdevelopment and wanton foreign investments. In some ways, it also makes the young locals who have left the islands for the U.S. mainland and other larger places for reasons such as education to return to the islands to reclaim what has been handed down to them by their ancestors, while also encouraging them to seek new diverse methods to better their lives on the land they own. Only those of the NMD can decide what the property they are holding will be transformed into. The Insular Cases, which have long been thought of as a set of restrictions mirroring colonialism and racism, are actually recognized now as "bulwarks, or protections, for cultural preservation." Nonetheless, reliance on the Insular Cases would no longer be needed only if courts were to start recognizing and protecting both the cultural and the political rights of those in the U.S. territories.

The court case of Wabol v. Villacrusis in 1990 previously stated that the political unity between the U.S. and the CNMI would have been dissolved—if the CNMI was not assured that it would be able to restrict landownership to people from the Marianas for the protection of the cultural connection to their islands. Furthermore, the term "culture" itself is the set of "learned traits shared by a group of people." This would include values, beliefs, language, and religion, which are constantly in change with exposure to new people, ideas, practices, and experiences. Therefore, we must ask ourselves. What is our culture? Aren't we a true melting pot with a malleable culture? Aren't prominent features of the island culture brought in by foreigners such as the value that Catholicism has on the CNMI? These are a few things we can take time for consideration.

The Insular Cases Doctrine is still very relevant to the people of the CNMI to this day. Although voting rights and other rights are not guaranteed to the citizens of the territorial islands, this lack would eventually have no significance if the islanders had no land to lawfully call theirs. Ownership of the land has been a major factor sustaining the islanders' lives. It is at the heart of the islanders' culture and identity. Thus, the doctrine must continue to be applied to the islands in the interest of preservation of the island culture, which can only be accomplished with landownership to pass through generations of the Northern Mariana Islands descents to come.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Thank you!

Please allow me a few lines to say thank you to all the people who attended the launching of our new book, *Tinian and The Bomb*, on Saipan, Tinian, and Guam.

Researching and writing the history of the Marianas became my passion shortly after I arrived on the islands some 40 years ago. However, I would not have had the courage to publish it without the support and confidence of many, many friends.

Some people ask me why I do it. I am kind of like a chef who finally takes a break from the kitchen to visit with customers and finds them happy. When I am stopped by a complete stranger in a grocery store, at the beach, or along a road somewhere on Saipan, Tinian, or Guam and receive a smile and a handshake, it makes my day and justifies all those long nights and weekends in my cave pounding away on this machine. That's plenty payback for me, but we do appreciate people buying books so we can pay back Bank of Guam!

Special thanks are due to the people who have helped me enjoy my hobby: The Northern Marianas Humanities Council, UOG Press, Pacific History Parks, the foundation that manages the visitors' centers at American Memorial Park on Saipan and War in the Pacific Park in Guam, Bestseller Books, and my good friends from the media.

Thanks again to all.

**Don Farrell**
*Marpo Heights, Tinian*

# If I were king…

If I were king (not a bad idea) I would make a few changes around here. Other things I would leave alone.

One thing I would leave alone is Article 12 and the 55-year lease arrangement. It's fine.

To repeal Article 12 would be disastrous. There are hoards of greedy investors licking their chops at our lovely islands and how they can be exploited for profit.

No sir, I would let Article 12 stand.

I would ban the use of MSG (wei jing) in any public food service establishment. This chemical is toxic to one's brain and causes headaches. However, I would not ban its sale for private use. If you want to poison yourself, be my guest.

I would impose escalating fines on any grocery store which does not have a price tag on each item. I would also rule that food products from China and other countries provide labels in English so the customers know what they're buying.

I would also ban implementation of any 5G network in the CNMI. Some mistakenly think it will provide a faster internet. However, 5G's milliwaves can negatively impact human brain function. It also has the technology to cook your eyeballs like a couple of eggs. Please investigate the horrors of 5G. We do not need it here.

I would decriminalize the growth, use, and sale of marijuana. This means that the DPS and the feds would be ordered to stand down in their pointless pursuit of pot. Besides, the penalties are way too severe, man.

I would institute public flogging for individuals who deal in methamphetamine. This would be a public event and would draw many spectators. Imagine drug dealers getting 20 lashes while tied to a stock in the Paseo de Marianas. The victim's screams would be a better deterrent than the threat of jail time, or the tedious (but effective) drug court.

I would be even more severe on those who sexually abuse children. First offenders will lose a hand to the chopping block. Repeat offenders will face a firing squad. There is no place for pedophiles in my kingdom, only in hell.

I would maintain the holiday custom of using public land for Christmas decorations. In other parts of the U.S. this is banned (thanks to the ACLU). That said, all religions may use public land for their holiday celebrations. Just clean up after.

I would insist on the creation of a real Jewish deli on Saipan, with wonderful sandwiches on real Jewish rye bread. This edict is motivated by my love of pastrami sandwiches.

I would further insist that every food service establishment which serves sandwiches also provides complimentary pickles. No pickle? That's a $100 fine, you cheapskate.

I would also limit road signs for political candidates to one month prior to any election. This also applies to all media. If you are running for office and want to campaign, you've got one month to convince people to vote for you. Besides, everybody knows the candidates anyway, and a pathetic lot they are too.

I would advocate that the Chamorro people are an indigenous tribe, and this would qualify the CNMI as a Native American jurisdiction or sanctuary (or words to that effect). Besides, the only significant difference between the Chamorros and other Native American tribes is geographic. The Chamorros certainly have more in common with the Apaches than with Americans of European ancestry or Asian people. Their tribal dances are quite similar also. I see "tribe" stickers everywhere, and they are most appropriate.

There's more, but I have reached my word limit.

Now, go forth and be beautiful.

**Russ Mason**
*As Teo, Saipan*

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# The Chinese threat isn't just trade

We are currently engaged in a high-profile negotiation that may or may not succeed in getting the Chinese to buy more of our stuff.

This is a fine goal as far as it goes, although that isn't very far. It doesn't matter if China buys $14 billion of our soybeans or $25 billion of our soybeans—it is still a mercantilist, revisionist power representing a significant geopolitical challenge.

China isn't just a commercial but a strategic competitor with the United States. It seeks to restore its former national glory, establish hegemony in East Asia and unravel Pax Americana. President Xi Jinping champions a national revival ("The Chinese Dream") that flies in the face of the expectations that economic growth would soften China.

China uses its economic clout to back self-interested investments around the world and has poured resources into a decades-long military buildup. As it has grown in strength, it has become increasingly assertive in making maritime claims in the region. It harasses its neighbors it wants to cow into submission, as we are shouldered aside.

We have long failed to grapple with the Chinese threat because we have believed that rising per capita income would do our work for us by inevitably democratizing China; because corporate America covets the Chinese market; and because, as Miles Maochun Yu of the Naval Academy points out, we are always "playing the China card" in pursuit of some other strategic objective—currently, the denuclearization of North Korea—rather than focusing on China in its own right.

At the moment, we are in the midst of a collective national freakout about Russia, a second-rate power. China's economy is eight times bigger than Russia's. While Russia is associated with the weapons of the 20th century, China is heavily investing in high-tech weapons—cyberwarfare capabilities, hypersonic rockets, anti-satellite missiles and the like. "The United States cannot assume," the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission warned, "it will have an enduring advantage in developing next frontier military technology."

The comprehensive challenge of China deserves a comprehensive response. Diplomatically, we need to strengthen relations with all those countries on China's periphery that feel threatened by it, Taiwan and Japan in particular.

Militarily, we need to spend more on research and development and on building up our Navy. And we need to make it clear to China, through robust patrolling, that we are committed to maintaining freedom of navigation in the region.

Economically, we need a better long-term approach to China's mercantilism than blustery threats of tariffs. This will require allies, which means that we should return to the Trans-Pacific Partnership. The pact was designed to lock China out of creating trade norms in the region, but Trump abandoned it in a perversely self-defeating protectionist gesture.

The Chinese flatter themselves that they have a long view that unstable American democracy lacks. When dealing with Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin, apparently desperate for any agreement he can wave around as a victory in the much-advertised looming trade war, they must feel confirmed in their belief. We need a strategy to convince them otherwise, and it will be the work of decades.

# Bolbbalgan4 films music videos in Marianas

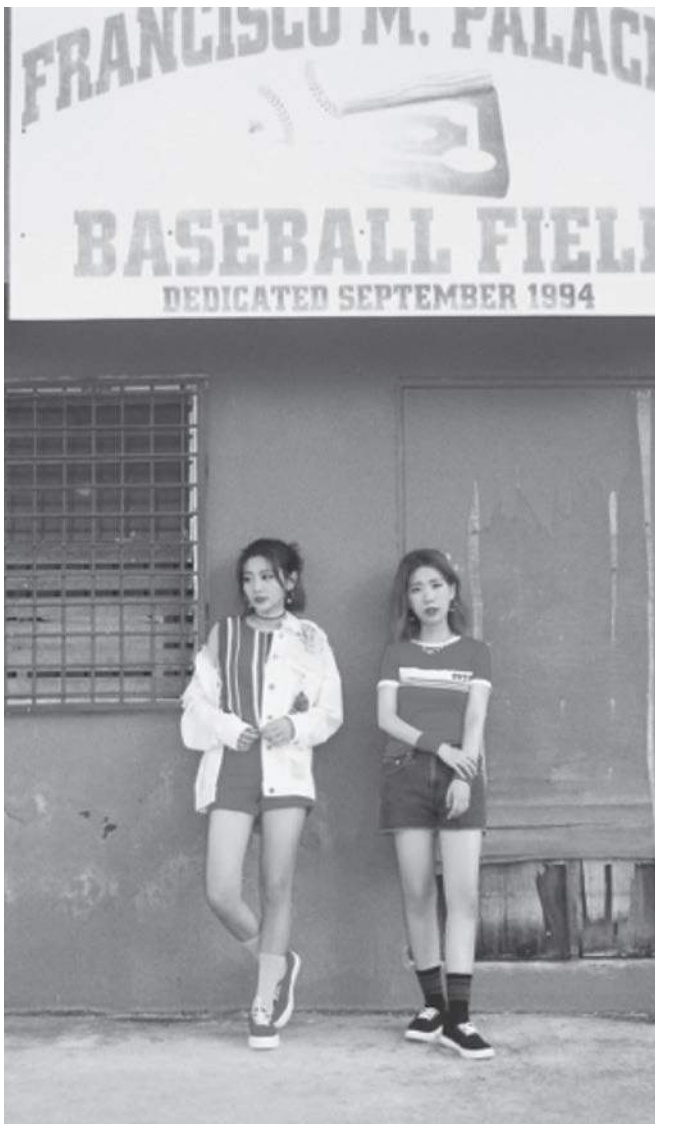
In line with its celebrity marketing strategies in South Korea, the Marianas Visitors Authority recently supported the filming of three music videos by K-pop singing group Bolbbalgan4.

Referred to as one of "Korea's Digital Monster Artist" duos, Bolbbalgal4 is a popular singer-songwriter group with numerous hit songs. Members Ji-young Ahn and Ji-yoon Woo appeared in 2014 on Superstar K6, an audition TV program like *American Idol*.

"This filming project was designed to position the Marianas as one of the greatest leisure destinations for Korean travelers," said MVA acting managing director Judy Torres. "The film team was impressed with the stunning natural aspect of our islands, which is one of the MVA's greatest selling points in attracting film and photography projects."

The project involved 27 people from April 17 to May1, including three artists, the two Bolbbalgan4 members and an actor. Film locations included Banzai Cliff, Bird Island Lookout, Joeten Hafa Adai Shopping Center (the store in Garapan), Francisco M. Palacios Baseball Field, PIC Saipan, Kensington Hotel Saipan, and a local marina.

The filmed content will be used in three different music videos and teasers for Bolbbalgan4's new album beginning on May 24. Additionally, it will also be exposed via Shofar Music and Bolbbalgan4's social media channels (Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and V Live), major Korean music channels (Melon, Bugs, m-net, and iTunes), and the MVA's Korea social media channels. ***(MVA)***




Ji-young Ahn and Ji-yoon Woo of Korean K-pop group Bolbbalgal4 film at Francisco M. Palacios Baseball Field on April 25, 2018, on Saipan in The Marianas. MVA

# USCIS expands online filing

## » Applicants can now request replacement naturalization certificate and naturalization hearing online

**WASHINGTON**—U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services announced Friday that Form N-565, Application for Replacement of Naturalization/Citizenship Document, and Form N-336, Request for a Hearing on a Decision in Naturalization Proceedings (Under Section 336 of the INA), can now be filed online.

Applicants use Form N-565 to replace a naturalization certificate, certificate of citizenship, or a repatriation certificate. They may also use it to apply for a special certificate of naturalization as a U.S. citizen to be recognized by a foreign country. Applicants use Form N-336 to request a hearing before an immigration officer if we have denied their application for naturalization.

"USCIS is making the process of applying for immigration benefits more efficient, secure and convenient," said USCIS director L. Francis Cissna. "We continue to add new forms that applicants can complete online."

These are the third and fourth forms that applicants can file online through their online account. We introduced the first, Form I-90, Application to Replace Permanent Resident Card, in March 2015. We introduced the second, Form N-400, Application for Naturalization, in August 2016, and began heavily prom oting online filing for the form in December 2017. We are using innovation and technology to continually meet the needs of our applicants, employees and stakeholders.

To file an N-400, I-90, N-565, or N-336 application online, the applicant must first create a USCIS online account. The system is completely mobile-responsive, which means applicants can file the forms from a phone or tablet. The account provides a convenient and secure way for individuals to:

- Monitor the status of their cases,
- Respond to requests for evidence,
- Communicate with USCIS through a secure inbox, and
- Change their address.

Applicants will be able to complete Forms N-565 and N-336 electronically, pay the filing fee online, and submit evidence to USCIS through the online account. However, Form N-565 applicants will be required to mail their original certificates and photos to the Nebraska Service Center after they file their applications through their online account. Applicants filing the N-336 will simply follow the online filing instructions, and wait to be scheduled for a hearing within 180 days of filing the application.

Attorneys and accredited representatives can also file online for their clients once they create an online account. Representatives can use their online account to submit additional evidence, respond to requests for evidence on behalf of their clients, view the status of their clients' applications, communicate with us about their clients' cases, and manage previously filed paper applications.

We are still accepting the latest paper version of Form N-565 and Form N-336. Applicants who have mailed these forms, or any other USCIS form can still create an online account to track the status of their form throughout the adjudication process, even if they did not file the form online.

Regardless of whether a form is filed on paper or electronically, USCIS is committed to ensuring a secure immigration system and a streamlined experience for applicants. ***(USCIS)***

**LOYAL EMPLOYEES**

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, 10th from right, visits the Marianas Visitors Authority office on May 21, 2018, as part of ongoing public service recognition in the government. Rota field office supervisor Sandra Atalig, not pictured, was recognized as the longest serving employee with the MVA, along with other long-term employees Alfred Maratita, Vida Borja, Anthony Reyes, Mary Muna, Valencia Tenorio, Judy C. Torres, Ed Diaz, Martin Duenas, and Thelma Boyer. MVA

# DHS proposes to remove the International Entrepreneur Rule

**WASHINGTON**—The U.S. Department of Homeland Security is proposing a rule to end a program that allows certain foreign entrepreneurs to be considered for parole to temporarily come to the United States to develop and build start-up businesses here, known as the International Entrepreneur Rule, or IE Final Rule.

In July 2017, DHS published a final rule to delay the implementation date of the IE Final Rule to March 14, 2018, to give the department time to draft a rescission of the IE Final Rule. However, in December 2017, a federal court vacated the delay rule, requiring USCIS to begin accepting international entrepreneur parole applications consistent with the IE Final Rule.

DHS is now proposing to eliminate the IE Final Rule because the department believes that it represents an overly broad interpretation of parole authority, lacks sufficient protections for U.S. workers and investors, and is not the appropriate vehicle for attracting and retaining international entrepreneurs.

By statute, DHS has discretionary authority to parole individuals into the United States temporarily, on a case-by-case basis, for urgent humanitarian reasons or significant public benefit. After reviewing DHS parole programs in accordance with the executive order titled Border Security and Immigration Enforcement Improvements, issued on Jan. 25, 2017, DHS is proposing to remove regulations published as part of the IE Final Rule. DHS concluded that the IE Final Rule created a complex and highly-structured program that was best established by the legislative process rather than relying on an unorthodox use of the secretary's authority to "temporarily" parole, in a categorical way, aliens based on "significant public benefit."

The Immigration and Nationality Act already provides for visa classifications that enable certain entrepreneurs to start businesses and work in the United States, such as the E-2 nonimmigrant classification and the EB-5 immigrant classification. DHS is committed to reviewing all existing employment-based immigrant and nonimmigrant visa programs to ensure program integrity and protect the interests of U.S. investors and workers. ***(USCIS)***

# MVA backs Cape Air's continued service

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The Marianas Visitors Authority is keeping its fingers crossed that Cape Air would continue its service in the CNMI, as it has been promoting the island of Rota as an ecotourism destination the past few years.

MVA managing director Chris Concepcion described as "great news" Gov. Ralph DLG Torres' meeting with Cape Air officials early this month.

Cape Air will be ending years of partnership with United Airlines on May 31, with the latter choosing to reduce its daily flights to Saipan from more than four each day to just once a day.

"Yes, the governor and [Commonwealth Ports Authority] officials met with Cape Air officials to discuss the possibility of extending Cape Air's service to Rota," Concepcion told *Saipan Tribune*. "The MVA has offered our support as we've invested significantly in the promotion of Rota as a tourist destination the past few years and would hate to see that go to waste."

The MVA continues to promote the CNMI in China and Korea, and is also marketing the Commonwealth in Russia and Taiwan, while aggressively trying to revive the Japanese market.

Concepcion said they are encouraging the Rota Mayor's Office to tap the funds that MVA gives Rota monthly to promote the destination. "The Rota mayor [should] consider using the 2 percent monthly funding [MVA] provides to the municipality."

"[These are] from our hotel occupancy tax allotment for flight incentives, which is what the funding was originally intended for," he added.

The government has allotted a total of $7,815,639 for Rota in the 2018 fiscal year budget, a part of which came from the hotel occupancy tax and from the alcohol container tax. The Rota Mayor's Office got $2,878,904 of that amount.

## Other flight concerns

Concepcion said United's plan to cut its daily service would harm the CNMI's tourism industry. "We are concerned about United's plans to fly one daily between Saipan and Guam."

"This will harm our connecting passengers from the U.S., Japan, and elsewhere who may be forced to overnight in Guam or have an uncomfortably long layover," said Concepcion.

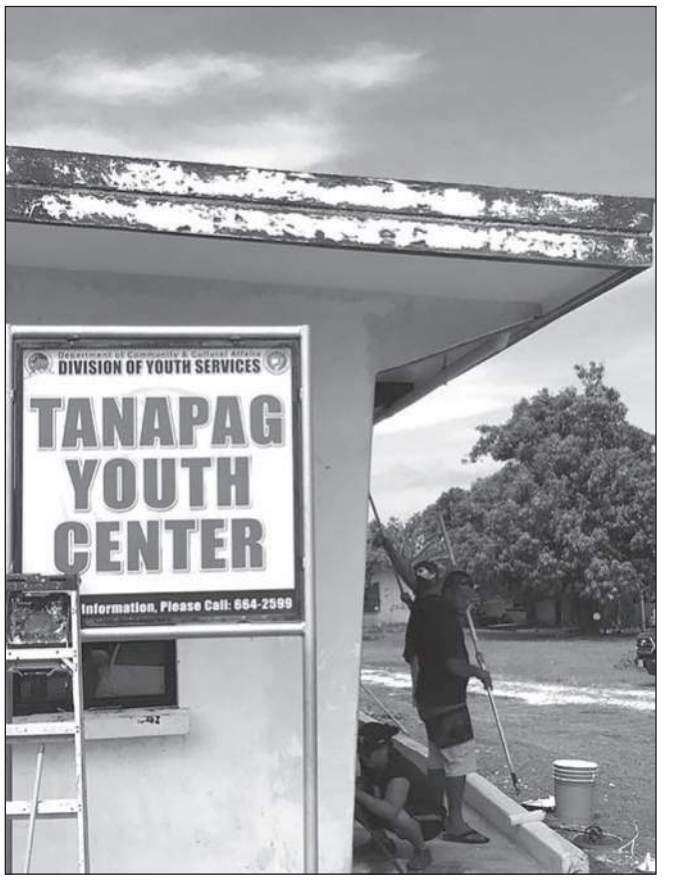
United's plan to cut its daily flights also pose a problem to the CNMI's off-island referral patients that either go to Guam, the Philippines, or Hawaii for treatment and avail of medical care that's not available on Saipan.

Concepcion added that, although it is a separate matter for now, the MVA is in talks with United on a possible direct charter flights from Japan to Saipan.

Delta Air Lines has ceased its operations on Saipan, while Jin Air has temporarily suspended its flights due to rising fuel costs and hotel rates.

China Eastern Airlines is trying to increase its daily flights, but Concepcion said that the Commonwealth Ports Authority, under executive director Chris Tenorio, is the concerned agency when it comes to the said issue.

"I will defer to the CPA on this since they have the jurisdiction over who gets approved to fly to the CNMI. The MVA will work with all airlines that provide direct service to the CNMI by promoting that route to the markets which they serve," Concepcion added.




**'VILLAGE PRIDE PROJECT'**
Imperial Pacific International's Corporate Social Responsibility continues with its Village Pride Project, with the Tanapag Youth Center receiving massive upkeep and restoration work. The CSR team applies a fresh coat of paint.

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Imperial Pacific CSR Village Pride Project includes the preservation of facilities as part of its goal of preserving the environment and beauty of the islands. Once done with its rehabilitation work, IPI's CSR team will conduct cleanup at the Tanapag Beach and rehabilitation work of the Tanapag Social Hall.

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# International nature of SIS Class of 2018 shines

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Twenty-one seniors ended their academic journey at Saipan International School last week and will now head in different directions. Hyunji "Angie" Kim was the 2018 class valedictorian with Hyeong Chang Im as salutatorian.

School headmaster Ronald E. Snyder said the tightly knit Class of 2018 would remain Geckos forever, wherever their journey may lead them.

"I am proud of all our students in the Class of 2018. These students were an incredibly close group, but now are going their separate ways. They truly represent the international nature of SIS as they will be going off to universities," said Snyder.

He said the graduates would go to learning institutions located in four continents in the world where they would take on a wide range of majors.

Class valedictorian Kim is headed to University of California-Berkeley, while student council president Keehoon "Isaac" Jang, the No. 3 in class abd recipient of the Board of Directors Award for Outstanding Commitment to the Service of Others, will be taking up Hospitality and Leisure management at Hong Kong's Polytechnical University.

"We are proud of all our students and their accomplishments. We wish them the best of luck in this next stage of their journey," said Snyder.

Hyun Jun Chung will go to UC-Irvine, while reigning CNMI MathCourt champion Surui Hwang will be studying at Lehigh University in Pennsylvania. Yedam Huh will attend UC Davis, while Gio Hur will join Kim at UC Berkeley.

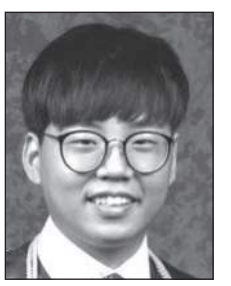
Hyeong Cham Im and Hyun Tae "Eric" Kim are planning to attend a university back in Korea and Julie Ishikawa's next destination is University of Hawaii-Manoa, while Jeong Yeon Lee will go to the Korea campus of the State University of New York-Stony Brook.

Shuyang "Eric" Li was accepted at Penn State University with Yeon Soo "Jacqueline" Park will be attending University of Washington. Timothy Park, Tiajavika Salas, and Enpa Wang will stay on Saipan at the Northern Marianas College.

Andrea Ranjo will attend the University of Redlands in California, Arthur Sondheim will major in energy engineering at the Universidad Carlos II in Madrid, Spain, and Peter Tenorio will be studying at Grossmont Community College in El Cajon, California.

Linin Xu will be studying at University of Massachusetts in Boston, while Minami Sakai plans to attend a Japanese university. Michael Ren will be having a gap year and plans to attend University of Washington in the fall of 2019.

**HYUNJI "ANGIE" KIM**
*Valedictorian*



**HYEONG CHANG IM**
*Salutatorian*

The Class of 2018 of the Saipan International School.

JON PEREZ

# Health & Wellness

Idalis Velazquez, teaches a fitness class in Fern Glen Park in Coral Springs, Fla.

# Trainer emphasizes women's health, not looks

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Idalis Velazquez, left, teaches a fitness class in Fern Glen Park in Coral Springs, Fla.

The fitness world always has had a fixation with physical appearance, but social media has propelled this into stratospheric levels of vanity.

Fitness gurus are posting countless photos of themselves online, with their accomplishments chronicled by selfies rather than definable health goals.

One South Florida trainer, however, is trying to buck this trend.

Idalis Velazquez, 30, wants her clients to focus on their health rather than their looks.

"For a lot of people, this is very superficial," Velazquez said. "I am about improving the performance. 'Let's get stronger, better and energized.'"

People are noticing. The Coconut Creek, Fla., trainer has been named one of five finalists in Women's Health magazine's "Next Fitness Star" competition.

"I honestly just want to get women fit and change that fitness world," Velazquez said. "Stop thinking about aesthetics and looks. It is about just so much more than that."

Velazquez's passion for personal training started with her own health struggles.

A former track and field athlete, Velazquez counted numerous national championships in the junior division level in her native Puerto Rico. At Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, she competed in track and field at the NCAA Division 1 level before a neck injury sidelined her.

With her track aspirations quashed, she began to work with a few clients as a personal trainer.

"I was teaching other people but I wasn't getting healthy myself," Velazquez said. "I started to get weak."

Her health issues multiplied when during her second pregnancy in 2011, she suffered from a brain hemorrhage.

"My health really went downhill," Velazquez said. "After a year on and off, after countless ER trips and neurologists, I got really frustrated because I was used to being so active and strong."

She felt like a shell of her younger self and realized she had to take back control of her body.

"I started to exercise but in a smarter way," she said. "I would play around with exercises that would not hurt me, but would strengthen my body and challenge all areas."

> "Let's get stronger, better and energized."

As her health improved, her mindset followed.

"During this time, I found this passion to help other moms out there because sometimes we really lose ourselves during pregnancy," Velazquez said.

Today, Velazquez advises women to "train smart rather than hard."

"Choose the right exercises—ones that are going to improve your mobility, your stability and that help you get stronger while working multiple muscle groups," she said. "If you train smart, the body will respond. You will see the changes."

She reiterates this message to a group of women she trains three times a week in Coral Springs. With her dark hair pulled back, Velazquez stands in front of the class, animated, regardless of how arduous the workout.

Many of the women had seldom exercised before they joined her "boot camp" class, but together they have progressed and built a bond around their success. Velazquez does not promote the class on her website since she feels the group has a unique camaraderie.

"They have these amazing personal histories. Seeing them happy and motivated here is amazing," Velazquez said. "It is a positive thing and they feel good when they leave here."

Since she knows the road to healthy living continues outside of class, Velazquez makes herself available to all of her clients. They text her for workout tips and call her to put things in perspective when they get down on themselves for indulging in sweets.

One of her regulars, Sara Labruzzo, spoke of how Velazquez has motivated her over the past year.

"She gets to know you on a personal level," Labruzzo said. "She'll pull you aside and help you. She has given me so much support. Physically and mentally, I feel better."

Velazquez ran alongside Labruzzo and her friend, Jennifer Osburn, when they competed in Labruzzo's first 5K, offering her support the entire run.

"She is not intimidating like other trainers and really realistic about workout goals," Osburn said. "She wants you to believe in yourself."

Velazquez's class supports her in return.

"I was teaching this class (when I found out I was a finalist)," Velazquez said. "I started screaming and everyone was like 'Are you OK?' I was so excited and we were all hugging."

The competition has landed Velazquez on the flip cover of the current Women's Health magazine. If she wins the competition, she would receive a DVD contract.

"It feels really good to have made it this far," Velazquez said. "I want to do my best to represent all of the moms that have struggled and normal real women who want to feel their best."

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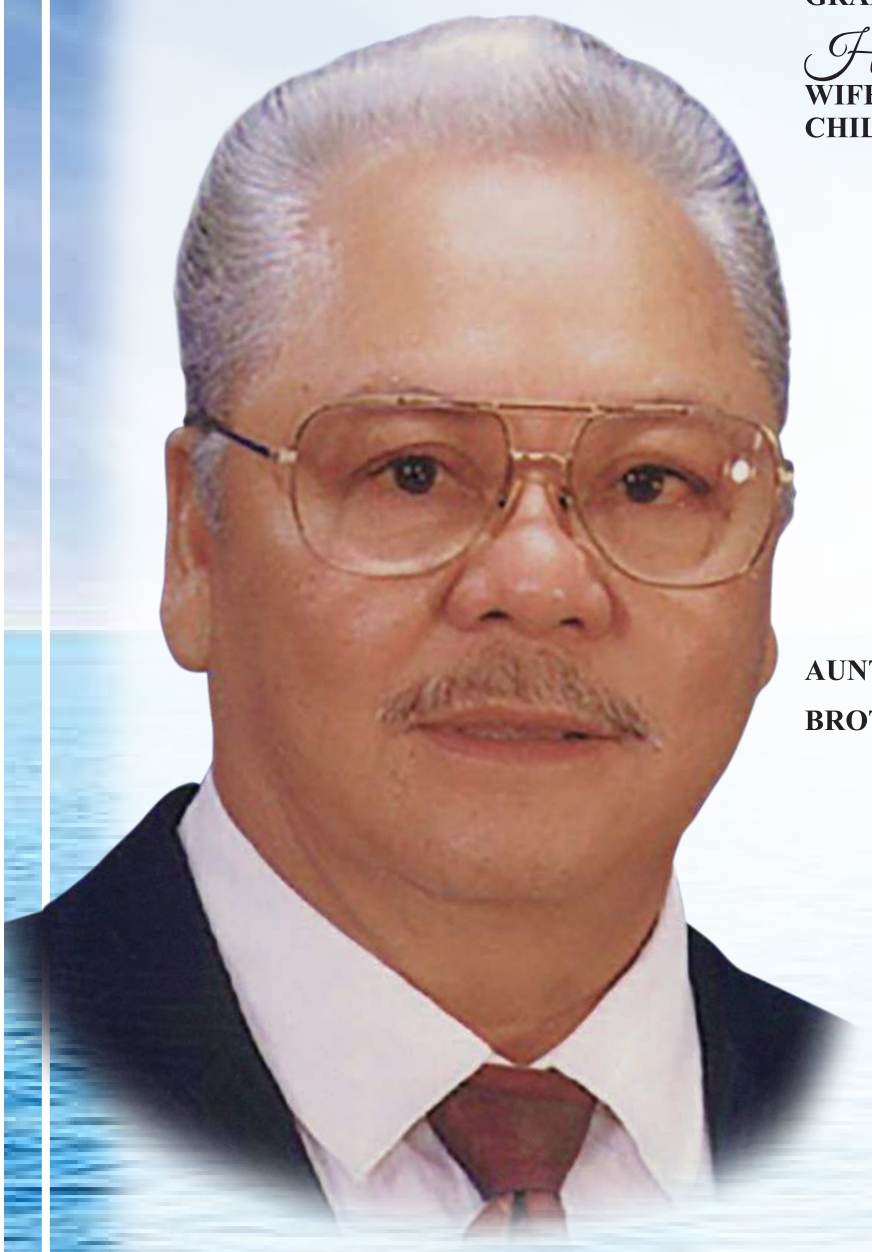

*In his new life, he now joins:*

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**PARENTS IN LAW:** †Joaquin S and †Angelina DLG Pangelinan/ †Magdalena T. Pangelinan
**GRANDSON**: †Joseph T. Deleon Guerrero

*He will be in the hearts and lives of his:*

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**CHILDREN:**

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**ROSLYN** and Joseph Deleon Guerrero: Peter Joaquin/Jan (Juliette) and Sophiana
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Daily mass is being offered at 6am at the Mount Carmel Cathedral. On **TUESDAY, MAY 29, 2018**, our beloved Pedro will be escorted from the CHCC morgue to Mount Carmel Cathedral at **7:30am**. Responso and viewing will follow upon arrival. At **11:00 a.m.**, Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated, followed by Interment Services at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery. Thereafter, lunch will be served at the Joeten Daidai Social Hall.

**Your prayers and thoughts are greatly appreciated.**

*Thank You,*

SOPHIA TENORIO AND CHILDREN

# Life & Style

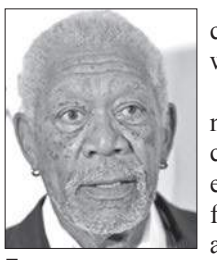
## Morgan Freeman says he did not assault women

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Morgan Freeman says he likes to compliment people to make them feel at ease around him but that he has never sexually assaulted women.

The Academy Award-winning actor is fighting back against charges of bad behavior made by multiple women in a CNN report this week. He said in a statement late Friday that the report has devastated him and that "it is not right to equate horrific incidents of sexual assault with misplaced compliments or humor."

Following the report, Visa announced it was suspending all of its marketing that features the actor's voice.

CNN's story includes one movie production assistant who said Freeman unsuccessfully tried to lift her skirt. Other women talked about unwanted touching on their backs and shoulders. Mostly, Freeman's accusers say he would comment about their bodies or clothes or make them uncomfortable by staring. A male former employee of Freeman's production company said the 80-year-old actor would behave like a "creepy uncle."


Freeman

One of the article's authors, Chloe Melas, began working on it following a press junket where she said Freeman clasped her hand, looked her up and down and made comments like, "you are ripe."

"I admit that I am someone who feels a need to try to make women, and men, feel appreciated and at ease around me," Freeman said. "As a part of that, I would often try to joke with and compliment women, in what I thought was a light-hearted and humorous way. Clearly I was not always coming across the way I intended."

He said that he did not assault women, create unsafe work environments or offer employment or advancement in exchange for sex.

His reference to equating his behavior with others was unclear. The accusations against Freeman came out the same day word spread that New York City authorities were filing rape charges against disgraced Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein.

Freeman's statement was reminiscent of an email written by longtime television anchor Tom Brokaw sent to friends recently after a former colleague had accused him of unwanted sexual advances.

"I am devastated that 80 years of my life is at risk of being undermined, in the blink of an eye, by Thursday's media reports," Freeman said.

Freeman won the 2005 Oscar for best supporting actor for "Million Dollar Baby." He was nominated four other times, including for "Driving Miss Daisy" and "The Shawshank Redemption." His voice is familiar on commercials and as a narrator for documentaries and other productions.

## Handcuffed Weinstein faces rape charge in #MeToo reckoning

**NEW YORK** (AP)—It was the moment the #MeToo movement had been waiting for: Harvey Weinstein in handcuffs.

His face pulled in a strained smile and his hands locked behind his back, the once-powerful Hollywood figure emerged from a police station Friday facing rape and criminal sex act charges, a searing reckoning for the man who became a symbol of a worldwide outcry over sexual misconduct.

"This defendant used his position, money and power to lure young women into situations where he was able to violate them sexually," Manhattan Assistant Attorney Joan Illuzzi-Orbon said later, in words that brought raised eyebrows from the otherwise stony-faced Weinstein.

The charges stem from encounters with two of the dozens of women—some famous, some not—who have accused him of sexual misdeeds. The rape charge involves a woman who has not come forward publicly; the other is a onetime aspiring actress who was among his first accusers.

Weinstein

Weinstein has consistently denied any allegations of nonconsensual sex.

His lawyer, Benjamin Brafman, said Friday that he would fight to get the charges dismissed.

And he began to take aim at the accusations and accusers, noting that the alleged attacks weren't reported to police when they happened and suggesting potential jurors wouldn't believe the women.

"Assuming," he added, "we get 12 fair people who are not consumed by the movement that seems to have overtaken this case."

Asked about the raft of other allegations against Weinstein, Brafman said the case was a question of crime, not bad behavior.

"Mr. Weinstein did not invent the casting couch in Hollywood," the attorney said.

Weinstein was released on $1 million bail, with constant electronic monitoring and a ban on traveling beyond New York and Connecticut.

As he surrendered, the 66-year-old Weinstein found himself surrounded by lights and cameras in a spectacle he couldn't control.

"You sorry, Harvey?" came a shout from a throng of media as the once powerful movie mogul was led into a lower Manhattan courthouse.

Asked "what can you say?" Weinstein mildly shook his head and softly said "no."

Earlier, he lumbered into a police station carrying books that harkened to his show-business roots: one on the Broadway songwriting team of Rodgers and Hammerstein, and another about famed film director Elia Kazan.

## When Def Leppard and Journey tour together, expect the hits

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Def Leppard and Journey have hit the road together for a 60-show tour, but they promise there won't be any squabbles over which band headlines each night.

"If it's 60 shows, it's 30 each. Simple as that," says Joe Elliott, lead singer of Def Leppard. "You know, it's pretty logical the way it's going to work."

The two bands will take turns closing out shows in 58 cities, including concerts at iconic venues such as Boston's Fenway Park, Chicago's Wrigley Field, The Forum in Los Angeles and New York's Madison Square Garden, an arena where Def Leppard will play its first-ever full concert.

It will be the second time the two bands have toured together. Def Leppard and Journey first teamed up in 2006, and both bands remember those days.

Neal Schon, a founding member and lead guitarist of Journey, says it was a "no-brainer" to get the bands together. "Musically I think that we match up amazingly well." Elliott agrees: "It was such a great tour, and I don't think either of us has ever forgotten how brilliant it was."

While both bands have continued to make new music, expect the tour to focus on the hits. Def Leppard won't leave the stage without "Pour Some Sugar on Me" and "Rock of Ages." Journey won't take its bow without offering "Don't Stop Believin'" and "Who's Crying Now."

"It's not a curse to have a hit," says Elliott. "I want to do our hits. I want to do 'Sugar' and 'Photograph' and 'Rock of Ages.' They are the songs that have put us in stadiums. So why would you abandon them now?"

Both bands—representing the United States and the United Kingdom in a trans-Atlantic rock hug—have weathered line-up changes and the massive shifts in the music industry since the 1970s, riding the wave from vinyl to MP3s, surviving Napster, the rise and decline of MTV, and now fully enjoying the pop-culture embrace of all things from the 1980s.

"We used to tour to promote a record and now I think we put a record out to promote tour. You know, it's wild," says Elliott. "We survived basically because the audience stuck with us."

Def Leppard is touring fresh from becoming one of the last multi-platinum selling acts to have its music made available on streaming and download sites. In January, Spotify, iTunes, Amazon and other digital music platforms made the band's catalog available—and it immediately charted in America and the U.K.

**NEW COAT OF ARMS** AP

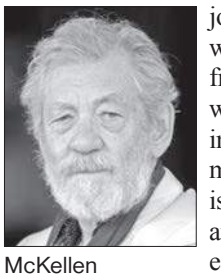
Britain's Kensington Palace has given details of the newly created Coat of Arms for the former Meghan Markle — an honor which is accorded by tradition to the nobility. The Coat of Arms for the Duchess of Sussex, as she is now formally known, includes symbols that invoke the former actress' background and look to her future. It features a blue background that represents the Pacific Ocean and golden rays of sunshine reminiscent of California, her home state in America. The shield includes three quills, representing the power of words.

## At 79, Ian McKellen says he has no plans to give up acting

**LONDON** (AP)—Sir Ian McKellen says his upcoming role as King Lear in an upcoming London production may be his last major Shakespeare role but he has no plans on retiring, as long as his knees and memory hold out.

Playing the tormented ruler is one of two projects prompting reflection from the 79-year-old star of the "X-Men" and "Lord of the Rings" film series.

"I'll keep going as long as the knees keep going. And the mind and the memory are still there. Any day now they can begin to fade and then I'll perhaps regret that I didn't do stuff I could have done while I was fit. So being fit, here I am and if I'm not acting, what the hell I going to do sit at home," McKellan told The Associated Press during a recent interview.


McKellen

McKellen is playing King Lear in a production at London's Duke of York Theatre starting in July. He is reprising a role he played for the Royal Shakespeare Co. a decade ago.

He says playing King Lear allows him to reflect on the journey of an old man, one that feels very personal to him.

"For me it's worth re-exploring because nearly 80 myself, that's King Lear's age, I can concentrate in part on the fact that it's an old man, it's an old man's journey, it's a man who's withdrawing from life. It's a man whose mind is giving way, really and much else in his life is a confusion to him and I find that all too easy to relate to. So I take the part very personally."

McKellen is also getting a career and life retrospective through a new documentary focused about him called "McKellan: Playing The Part."

The documentary, which will be broadcast in the UK and Scandinavia on May 27 and will be in select U.S. theaters this summer, focuses not only on McKellen's famous roles, but also his activism for gay rights.

## SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

### Daniel Craig to return as 007 in 2019, Danny Boyle at helm

Craig

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Daniel Craig is back as Bond, the spy series' producers confirmed, in a Danny Boyle-directed film due for release in 2019. Bond producers Michael G. Wilson and Barbara Broccoli of EON Productions announced Thursday that production on the 25th official James Bond thriller will begin in December at London's Pinewood Studios. Craig will reprise his role as 007 and Oscar-winner Boyle ("Trainspotting," ''Slumdog Millionaire") will direct from a screenplay by Boyle's frequent collaborator John Hodge. Confirmation of Craig's fifth Bond film followed speculation that the 50-year-old actor was about to hand in his license to kill. He said in 2015 that he would rather "slash my wrists" than return to the role— but later backtracked on those remarks, made just after he finished filming his fourth Bond film, "Spectre." Boyle has directed Craig as Bond once before, in a 007-themed segment for the opening of the 2012 London Olympics.

### Alicia Silverstone is divorcing husband of nearly 13 years

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Alicia Silverstone is divorcing her husband of nearly 13 years. The "Clueless" actress filed for divorce from Christopher Jarecki on Friday in Los Angeles County Superior Court. The two have been separated for two years. Divorce documents say the 41-year-old Silverstone and the 47-year-old Jarecki will share custody of their 7-year-old son. The papers cite irreconcilable differences as the reason for the split, and say spousal support will be based on a prenuptial agreement the couple signed when they were married, without giving details. Silverstone married the rock musician Jarecki in 2005 after eight years of dating.

### Tina Fey makes surprise visit to her former high school

**UPPER DARBY, Pa.** (AP)—Tina Fey has made a surprise visit to her former Pennsylvania high school. District officials say Fey stopped by Upper Darby High School in Upper Darby Wednesday to film a promotional video for her Broadway musical "Mean Girls." Fey graduated from Upper Darby in 1988, and she previously said her time there loosely inspired the 2004 "Mean Girls" film. The district welcomed the actress in a Facebook post, saying "Once a Royal, Always a Royal." Fey spoke with students who had seen the musical during her visit, and she was serenaded by the school's Encore Singers. Fey called the singing, "beautiful." "Mean Girls" has received 12 Tony Award nominations, including Best Musical and Best Book of a Musical. The awards will be given out in June.

### Paltrow: Brad Pitt threatened Harvey Weinstein

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Gwyneth Paltrow says ex-boyfriend Brad Pitt threatened producer Harvey Weinstein after an alleged incident of sexual misconduct. The 45-year-old actress told "The Howard Stern Show" on Wednesday she was "blindsided." Paltrow claimed she was 22 when Weinstein placed his hands on her at a hotel and suggested they go to a bedroom for massages. Paltrow said she told Pitt what happened and the actor confronted Weinstein at a Broadway opening. Paltrow said, "It was like the equivalent of throwing him against the wall." Paltrow said Pitt leveraged his fame and power to protect me at a time when she didn't have fame or power. The two, who were briefly engaged, broke up in 1997. Representatives for Weinstein and Pitt did not immediately respond to emails seeking comment.

### Prince William to visit Jordan, Israel, West Bank in June

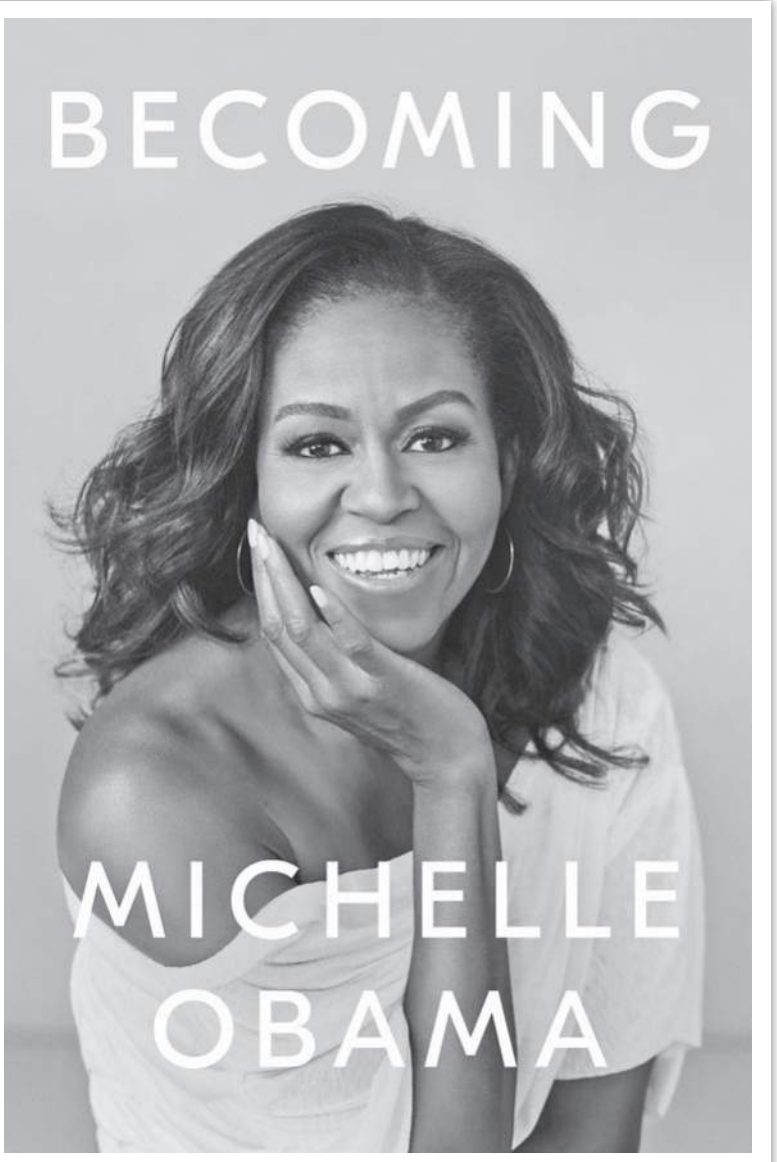
**LONDON** (AP)—Kensington Palace says Prince William will visit Israel and the Palestinian territories at the end of June—the first British royal to make an official visit there. The prince will begin his June 24-28 trip in Amman, Jordan, then travel to Jerash in Jordan; Tel Aviv and Jerusalem in Israel; and Ramallah in the West Bank. No British royal has ever made an official visit to Israel, whose occupation of the Palestinian territories is considered illegal by the U.K. William's father, Prince Charles, attended the 2016 funeral of former Israeli President Shimon Peres in a private capacity. This is also the first official royal visit to the Palestinian territories. It comes at the British government's request. The trip was announced earlier this year, but the dates and destinations were disclosed Friday.

### 'Sesame Street' sues over new Melissa McCarthy puppet movie

**NEW YORK** (AP)—The makers of "Sesame Street" are suing the promoter of a new Melissa McCarthy movie, saying it's abusing the famed puppets' sterling reputation to advertise the R-rated film. A judge Friday scheduled a hearing next week to consider a request for immediate relief by Sesame Workshop, which sued Thursday in federal court in Manhattan for unspecified damages and an order forcing the film to be marketed differently. The film, "The Happytime Murders," is scheduled for release Aug. 17. McCarthy plays a human detective who teams with a puppet partner to investigate grisly puppet murders. The lawsuit said the "Sesame Street" brand will be harmed by a just-released movie trailer featuring "explicit, profane, drug-using, misogynistic, violent, copulating and even ejaculating puppets" along with the tagline "NO SESAME. ALL STREET." STX Productions LLC, in a statement issued in the name of "Fred, Esq," a lawyer puppet, said it was looking forward to introducing its "adorably unapologetic characters" to adult moviegoers this summer.

### Famed Ivan the Terrible painting attacked at Moscow gallery

**MOSCOW** (AP)—Police in Russia have arrested a man on charges of vandalizing a famous painting by renowned Russian artist Ilya Repin in Moscow. Russian news reports said the man claimed he drank 100 grams (about 3.5 ounces) of vodka in the cafe of the Tretyakov Gallery shortly before he allegedly attacked the painting with a metal stanchion on Friday night. The painting—titled "Ivan the Terrible and His Son Ivan on November 16, 1581," depicts Russia's first czar cradling his dying son after striking him in a fit of rage. Media reports say the suspect said he damaged the painting because he thinks it is historically inaccurate. Russian media say Repin's 1885 canvas received several holes, but the faces of the czar and his son were undamaged.




**BOOK COVER** AP

Michelle Obama has a picture to share. On Thursday, the former first lady unveiled the cover for her upcoming memoir, "Becoming." She posted that image, a smiling close-up shot taken by portrait photographer Miller Mobley, on her Instagram account. She wrote on Instagram that working on the book has been "meaningful and illuminating" and urged others to tell their stories.

# Women's shared misery enabled better friendship

DEAR ABBY: I lost my husband of 45 years three years ago. My longtime friend, "Grace," was very supportive and included me in family dinners and outings so I wouldn't be alone. A year ago, I moved away to start a new life for myself. Grace still lives in the same town and is still married to a verbally abusive, depressed husband. She told me once that she envied my freedom, but not how I got it.

I have met a wonderful man. We are in love and will see where it goes. When I talk to or see Grace, she never asks about my life or what I am doing. She vents at length about her husband, her marriage and other things in her life.

I think she liked it when I was miserable, too. Now that I'm happy, I don't really want to see Grace anymore. She's using me as someone she can unload on, and in my opinion, that's not friendly. What should I do? Keep avoiding her? I don't want to confront her, but if I need to, I would like to do it in the best way.

MOVING ON

**DEAR MOVING: I don't think you should "confront" Grace either, but avoiding her isn't the answer. Have an honest, non-confrontational talk with her. Tell her you are concerned that she is so unhappy. Explain that the amount of venting she's doing is creating a wedge between you, and she needs to make some important decisions about her life and her marriage.**

**I don't know how economically dependent Grace is on her husband, but it might help her self-esteem to find a job. If she's unable or unwilling to do that, she'll have to decide if this is how she wants to spend the rest of her life or discuss her options with an attorney.**

**DEAR ABBY:** I have Tourette's syndrome, the type that causes coughing, among other things. There are different triggers that cause the coughing to start, and one of them is the smell of mowed grass. This means that I cannot mow the grass where I live. A lot of my family members think that I should do it anyway. They probably think I'm lazy, as I still live with my mother and can't afford to move out right now. I'm tired of constantly repeating that I can't mow the grass. They know of my problem, but seem oblivious.

I do plenty of work around the house. What am I supposed to say or do when this comes up again? I'm considering just walking away from them. I'm tired of all these people who refuse to understand that I have a real problem.

COUGH, COUGH IN ILLINOIS

**DEAR COUGH: Ask your doctor to write you a letter explaining your medical problem, so you can share it with the relatives who seem unable to believe you have one. I can't guarantee it will completely solve your problem, but it may silence most of them. As to the rest, tune them out.**

**DEAR READERS: Along with the millions of Americans who are observing this Memorial Day, I add my prayer of thanks for those men and women who sacrificed their lives in service to our country. May they rest in peace.**

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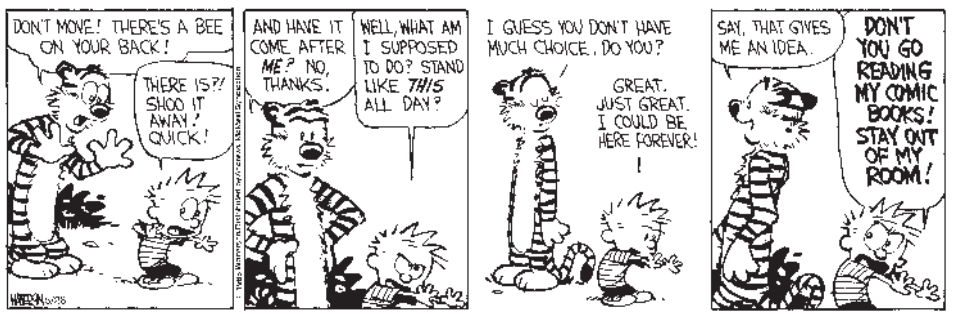
# Pastimes

## Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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THERE IS?! SHOO IT AWAY! QUICK!
AND HAVE IT COME AFTER ME? NO, THANKS.
WELL, WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO? STAND LIKE THIS ALL DAY?
I GUESS YOU DON'T HAVE MUCH CHOICE. DO YOU?
GREAT. JUST GREAT. I COULD BE HERE FOREVER!
SAY, THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA.
DON'T YOU GO READING MY COMIC BOOKS! STAY OUT OF MY ROOM!

## Garfield®

By Jim Davis

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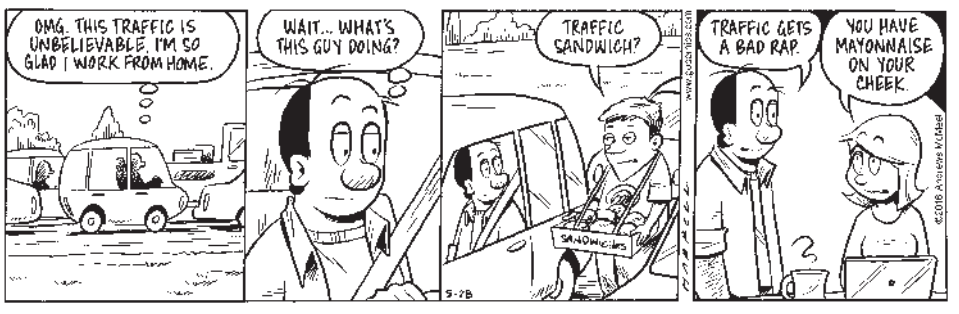
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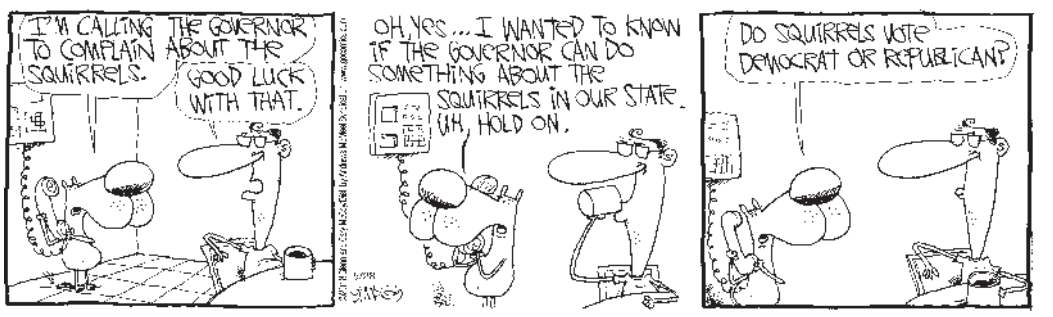
## The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy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GOOD LUCK WITH THAT.
OH, YES... I WANTED TO KNOW IF THE GOVERNOR CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE SQUIRRELS IN OUR STATE. UH, HOLD ON.
DO SQUIRRELS VOTE DEMOCRAT OR REPUBLICAN?

## CROSSWORD

*By Eugene Sheffer*

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35 "Act now!"
36 Financial guru Suze
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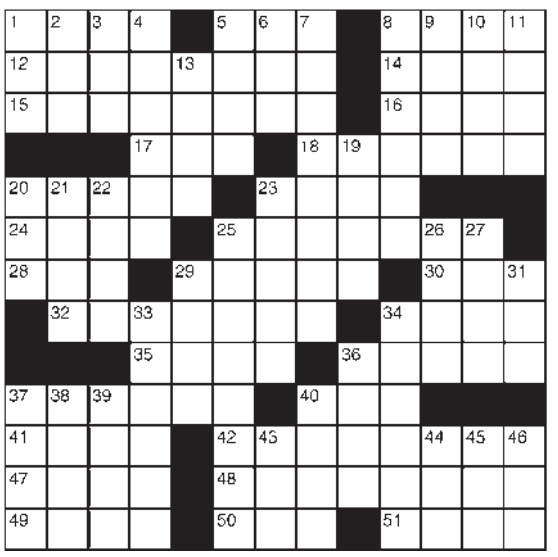

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**ARIES** *(March 21-April 19):* Make productivity your priority. Keep busy, take care of your responsibilities and keep your opinions to yourself. You won't get into trouble or criticized for something you neglected to do. Live up to your promises and do your best. ✪✪✪

**TAURUS** *(April 20-May 20):* Don't let what others do send you on a rampage. Take a practical approach to whatever happens around you, and you will be able to control the situation and be rewarded for your astute assessment and actions. Romance is encouraged. ✪✪✪

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**LEO** *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Take the high road. Refuse to get into a tiff over a situation that is being grossly overrated. Shy away from anyone boasting or making unreal promises. Too much of anything should be a signal to back away. Avoid unnecessary changes. ✪✪

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**LIBRA** *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Organize and schedule your day carefully. Say no to demanding people who are forcing you to take on responsibilities that don't belong to you. Make a point to finish what you start and to learn from the experiences you encounter. ✪✪✪

**SCORPIO** *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Personal improvements can be made. Your discipline is high and your ability to stick to a diet or exercise routine will keep you moving toward the goals you set. You'll come up with a unique idea that will encourage new trends. ✪✪✪

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**CAPRICORN** *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* You'll be tempted to help someone who will benefit more from the experience of doing things for himself or herself. Offer suggestions but don't do the work for others. Concentrate on personal goals, family and domestic improvements. ✪✪✪

**AQUARIUS** *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Separate your emotions from your responsibilities. It's important to remain calm and to stay centered when dealing with people who show signs of instability. Keep your life simple and the changes you make within your means. Be realistic. ✪✪

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### REMOVAL AND RELOCATION OF ENGINES 8 AND 4 AT POWER PLANT NO.1, LOWER BASE, SAIPAN

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Removal and relocation of Engine 8 Alternator and Engine No. 4 Frame & Alternator at Power Plant No.1, Lower Base, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project consists, of the removal of the engine frame and alternator assemblies from its foundation, dismantling and further relocation to a designated location as detailed in the bid documents. Both engines have been partially dismantled by the plant personnel.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **60 calendar days** from the date of issuance of the Notice to Proceed (NTP).

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non- refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $100.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **May 22, 2018 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC power plant Conference Room. Prospective Bidders are mandated to attend both Pre-Bid and Site Visit.

**One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies** must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-IFB-18-020 - Removal and relocation of Engine 8 Alternator and Engine No. 4 Frame & Alternator at Power Plant No. 1, Lower Base, Saipan, CNMI"*, to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on June 15, 2018**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 90 days after submission.

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# 3-peat for Real Madrid; Ronaldo's future unclear

AP
Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo celebrates with the trophy after winning the Champions League Final soccer match between Real Madrid and Liverpool at the Olimpiyskiy Stadium in Kiev, Ukraine, Saturday, May 26, 2018.

**KIEV, Ukraine** (AP)—Straight after a third successive Champions League title was secured, Cristiano Ronaldo was talking about Real Madrid in the past tense.

Real's biggest star hinted he was unsure he'd stay with the club. Its best player in the Champions League final, Gareth Bale, looks more likely to be departing.

"In the next few days I'll give the fans an answer because they are the ones who have always been by my side," Ronaldo said. "It was very beautiful to be with Madrid."

Keeping up the cryptic tone, he added: "The future of any player is not important. We made history."

After soaring to score a magnificent bicycle kick for Madrid's second goal, Bale brought his fans back down to earth with his announcement that he'll discuss his future with his agent this summer.

The Welshman was a substitute in four of seven Champions League games this season, including his super-sub display in the final.

Real coach Zinedine Zidane responded very differently to the two players' comments.

On Ronaldo, Zidane was clear Sunday: "He will stay with us at Real Madrid," and predicted the Portuguese star's tone would soon change. "Perhaps in three or four days' time he might say something else."

On Bale, Zidane was circumspect.

"It's a little bit of a complicated situation but everyone has their own interests, their own future to think about," he said. "It's true some players deserve more playing time on the pitch but this is a decision that has to be made by the manager."

Where Bale could go is less clear.

Tottenham is widely reported to have a buy-back option as part of Bale's 2013 transfer to Real, but seems highly unlikely to be able to afford his wage bill. Other destinations are unclear, though Manchester United has been reported in British media as a possible destination.

If he goes back to England this summer, Bale would leave Madrid with a curiously lopsided record of four Champions League titles yet only one in La Liga.

Ronaldo has the same number of Champions League wins and two Spanish titles but his performances have been era-defining in a way Bale's are not.

Even more so than the Welsh player, Ronaldo's future is likely to be determined by the very small number of clubs capable of affording his demands—supposing he actually wants to leave Madrid—and the 33-year-old has never indicated any desire to take a pay cut for the sake of pastures new.

Both would leave Madrid with a rich store of memories. Bale has his moments of genius like Saturday's goal, but is increasingly a super-sub, a player who falls short of the crushingly consistent brilliance of Ronaldo.

With his back to goal but eyes on the incoming cross, Bale connected with the ball while leaping in the air and sent a scissor-kick arcing into the top of the net.

Fusing athleticism and technique, it was a mesmerizing sight to behold from the Real Madrid forward.

Rarely has there been a finer goal in a European final and Bale followed it up with another to seal Madrid's Champions League title in a 3-1 victory over Liverpool. Yet with blunders, injuries and intrigue unfolding throughout the night in Kiev's Olympic Stadium, the wonder-goal just enriched this engrossing climax to the European club season and set the tone for weeks of uncertainty.

A weeping Mohamed Salah was forced off in the first half with a shoulder injury that foiled Liverpool's quest for a first continental success in 13 years and left the World Cup hopes of the "Egyptian King" in jeopardy.

Tears also streamed down Loris Karius' face after the Liverpool goalkeeper's mistakes gifted two goals in the biggest match of his career. It might also be his last for Liverpool, which was denied a sixth European title by the aristocrats of the continent.

# Trout gets 5 hits as Angels beat Yankees

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Mike Trout homered and doubled three times during his first five-hit game in the majors, and the Los Angeles Angels quickly erased an early deficit in beating the New York Yankees 11-4 on Saturday night.

Playing not far from his southern New Jersey hometown, Trout went deep for the third straight game to tie Boston's Mookie Betts for the big league lead with 17 home runs. The two-time MVP drove in four runs and set career bests with four extra-base hits and 11 total bases.

### Red Sox 8, Braves 6

In Boston, Andrew Benintendi homered and drove in three runs, helping Boston top Atlanta.

The AL East-leading Red Sox celebrated the return of Dustin Pedroia with their sixth win in seven games. Mitch Moreland had a key two-run double, Steven Wright (1-0) pitched three scoreless innings, and Craig Kimbrel got three outs for his 16th save.

### Phillies 2, Blue Jays 1

In Philadelphia, Aaron Nola took a no-hitter into the seventh inning, Nick Williams hit his third pinch-hit homer in the eighth and the Phillies moved into first in the NL East.

Nola did not allow a hit until Russell Martin's tying RBI single with two out in the seventh. He struck out 10 and walked three while throwing 113 pitches, matching a career high.

### Athletics 3, Diamondbacks 0

In Oakland, Daniel Mengden pitched a two-hitter for his second career shutout, leading Oakland to the victory.

Mengden (5-4) struck out five and walked none. Socrates Brito singled in the second and David Peralta singled in the sixth for Arizona's only hits.

### Rangers 4, Royals 3, 10 innings

In Arlington, Shin-Soo Choo became the top major league home run hitter born in Asia, connecting for a leadoff drive in the 10th inning that lifted Texas to the victory.

Choo's 176th career homer moved him past Hideki Matsui for the most by an Asian player.

### Brewers 17, Mets 6

In Milwaukee, Erik Kratz homered in his Brewers debut, and Jesus Aguilar also connected.

Christian Yelich had three hits, drove in three runs and scored three times for the NL Central-leading Brewers, who have won eight of their last 10.

### Nationals 4, Marlins 1

In Miami, Mark Reynolds hit a tiebreaking homer leading off the ninth inning, and the Nationals rallied to beat the Marlins for the 10th consecutive time.

Miami's Wei-Yin Chen took a two-hit shutout into the eighth but gave up a one-out homer to Wilmer Difo.

### Cardinals 4, Pirates 1

In Pittsburgh, Jack Flaherty pitched six crisp innings and Matt Carpenter homered, leading St. Louis to the road win.

Flaherty (2-1) gave up Starling Marte's long home run in the first but settled down quickly. The rookie allowed four hits, struck out four and walked two.

### Giants 5, Cubs 4

In Chicago, Brandon Crawford hit a two-run homer, Brandon Belt drove in two runs and the Giants stopped a three-game slide.

Chris Stratton (6-3) shook off a shaky start and lasted five innings for his third straight victory. Hunter Strickland pitched a perfect ninth for his 10th save.

### Rays 5, Orioles 1

In St. Petersburg, Ryne Stanek, Anthony Banda and Chaz Roe combined on a three-hitter on a bullpen day for Tampa Bay.

With the Rays thin in the rotation, Banda (1-0) entered with two outs in the second. He wound up allowing one run and three hits while striking out seven over 6 1/3 innings.

### White Sox 8, Tigers 4

In Detroit, Tim Anderson homered twice on his way to a career-high four RBI, leading Hector Santiago and the White Sox to the victory.

Santiago (1-2) allowed three runs, two earned, and seven hits in five innings in his first win since May 9, 2017, for Minnesota against the White Sox.

### Reds 6, Rockies 5

In Denver, Scooter Gennett had five hits, including a solo homer, Tony Cruz also homered and the Cincinnati Reds held on to beat the Colorado Rockies.

It marked the second time in Gennett's career that he collected five hits, previously accomplishing the feat against the St. Louis Cardinals on June 6, 2017.

### Indians 8, Astros 6

In Cleveland, Yonder Alonso, Jason Kipnis and Edwin Encarnacion each hit two-run homers, and Cleveland's beleaguered bullpen hung on as the Indians defeated the Houston Astros.

Michael Brantley added a solo homer and the Indians needed every bit of the power display to end Houston's five-game winning streak.

### Padres 7, Dodgers 5

In Los Angeles, Christian Villanueva homered twice and Jose Pirela hit the go-ahead single in the seventh inning, leading the San Diego Padres to a comeback victory over the Dodgers.

Freddy Galvis and A.J. Ellis also homered for the Padres, who won for the second time in their last five games.

### Mariners 4, Twins 3, 12 innings

In Seattle, Mike Zunino homered with two outs in the 12th to give the Mariners a victory over the Minnesota Twins.

Zunino turned on a 2-2 breaking ball from Matt Magill (1-1) and lined it out to left field to give the Mariners their 15th one-run victory this season, the most in baseball. Seattle is also 5-0 in extra-inning games.

# Thompson carries Warriors into Game 7 with Rockets

**OAKLAND, Calif.** (AP)—An awful start followed by three quarters of utter dominance, spot-on shotmaking and beautiful defense—even against one of the game's greatest and hardest to stop in James Harden. That's the way it's been for these up-and-down, ubertalented Warriors, who leave even their coach perplexed.

"I have no clue why our team is like this," Steve Kerr said. "It's kind of what we do."

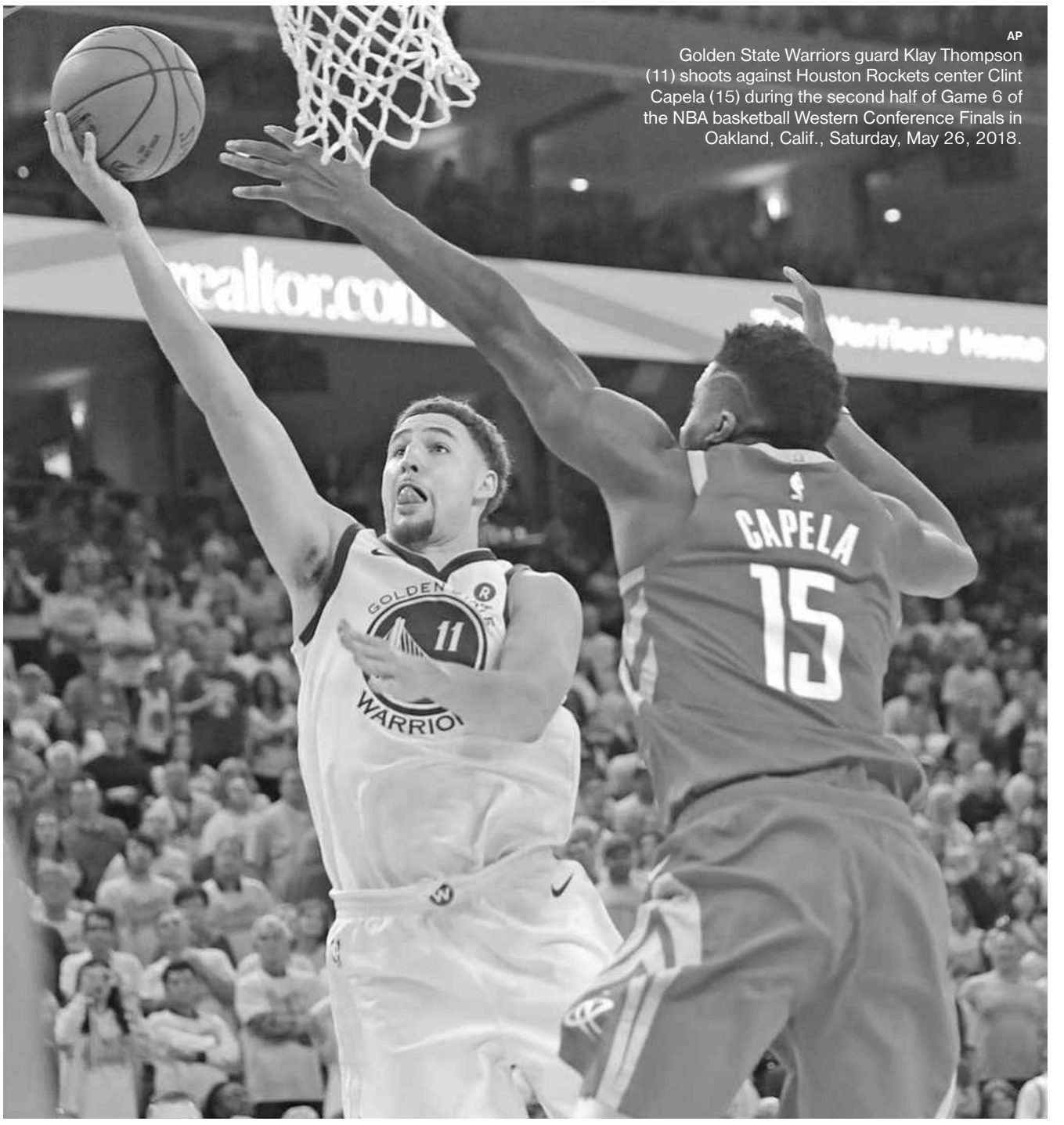
They can still do it all the way to a fourth straight NBA Finals.

Klay Thompson knocked down nine 3-pointers on the way to 35 points, the Warriors held Harden down in the second half, and Golden State rallied from an early 17-point deficit to stave off elimination with a 115-86 victory over the Houston Rockets on Saturday night to force a deciding Game 7 in the Western Conference finals.

"I guess you could say I was born for it. Man, that felt good," Thompson said.

Stephen Curry added 29 points and five 3s on a night Harden dazzled for long stretches with 32 points, nine assists and seven rebounds while backcourt mate Chris Paul sat out sidelined by a strained right hamstring.

Kevin Durant struggled with his stroke at 6 for 17 but still scored 23 points as the defending champions kept their repeat quest alive by thoroughly outplaying Houston in the second half. The Warriors outscored the Rockets 55-20 in the second half before both coaches subbed their key players with 4:28 left.



AP
Golden State Warriors guard Klay Thompson (11) shoots against Houston Rockets center Clint Capela (15) during the second half of Game 6 of the NBA basketball Western Conference Finals in Oakland, Calif., Saturday, May 26, 2018.

A dynamic, star-studded series projected to be as captivating and compelling as the actual NBA Finals is going the distance. Game 7 is Monday night back in Houston.

"We just didn't want to go out like that," Thompson said, "we wanted to force Game 7 so badly."

Golden State stymied Harden on consecutive possessions early in the fourth with smothering defense led by Nick Young and several helpers, then Thompson hit a 3-pointer from the left wing at 9:40 for an 89-77 lead. And roaring Oracle Arena went crazy with hopes of even more home games to come if Golden State can get to a fourth straight finals.

Thompson came through with his best performance of these playoffs with the season on the line, just as he did in a 2016 Game 6 of the Western Conference finals at Oklahoma City when he went off for 41 points against Durant and the Thunder to force Game 7.

"I thought Klay was amazing tonight, not just the 35 points and the nine 3s but his defense," Kerr said. "The guy's a machine. He's just so fit physically. He seems to thrive in these situations."

Thompson went a combined 20 of 32 from 3-point range in those two Game 6s.

The Warriors used another of their signature third quarters to take an 84-77 advantage going into the final 12 minutes, then maintained that dominant level this time down the stretch, unlike their last home game at roaring Oracle Arena when they blew it in Game 4 on Tuesday.

Both teams let it fly from every corner of the court—Golden State hitting 16 3-pointers and Houston 15.

The Warriors outscored Houston 93-47 over the final three quarters.

"Nothing changes for us. We know what we have to do," Harden said. "... We're still confident. We're a confident group. We've just got one chance."

Thompson's baseline 3 in transition with 3:35 left in the third put the Warriors up 76-74, then Curry hit from way back the next time down over Gerald Green. Curry did it again moments later from deep.

The Warriors opened the third with an 11-0 burst to go ahead 62-61 on Curry's 3 at 9:17, also getting a pair of 3s from Thompson and a dunk by Durant. Houston committed four quick turnovers.

Yellow-clad Oracle came alive, too.

Golden State did it playing again without forward Andre Iguodala, who missed his third straight game of the series with a bone bruise in his left knee sustained in Game 3.

The Rockets made 8 of 12 3-pointers in the first and topped the Warriors 19-4 in fast-break points. Houston committed 11 first-half turnovers, five early. Harden shot 4 for 12 on 3s.

Golden State's 33-point third quarter was its first 30-point period since the third in Game 4. The Warriors shot 4 for 18 in the first half from long range. ... Golden State is 4-1 when facing elimination dating to the 2015 championship. The Warriors are 16-8 all-time in Game 6 of postseason series. ... Second-year G Patrick McCaw, who had been out since a scary back injury at Sacramento on March 31 when undercut by Vince Carter, received a roaring ovation when he entered the game late. He quickly grabbed a rebound. Kerr listed Iguodala as day to day because there's still pain in the knee when running.

Paul is receiving treatment "around the clock," according to coach Mike D'Antoni.

Having him on hand still meant so much.

"He's devastated. He has to be. We're all devastated for him. At the same time, we'll rally and do what's right," D'Antoni said. "He's so integral in what we do and the spirit of the team. And him being here is a big deal, and him being on the bench is a big deal. He'll will us through, if he can."

Kerr felt terribly for Paul—and others who have gone down.

"More than anything, I feel bad for Chris. The guy is a phenomenal player and competitor, and pretty much willed his team the last two games. He's just been haunted by these types of injuries in his career, and it's a shame," Kerr said.

"I hate when anybody gets hurt. I hate when Andre got hurt. I hate to see Kevin Love last night, Kyrie (Irving). These guys train so hard and they're here and they're competing, and you want everybody to be healthy, but just the reality is it usually doesn't work out that way. So you've just got to keep playing with whoever's there and keep going."

## *LeBron, back in Boston, for another Cavs farewell*

**BOSTON** (AP)—LeBron James and the depleted Cleveland Cavaliers won't get any sympathy from the Celtics when they return to Boston for Game 7 of the Eastern Conference finals.

Already laboring to reach his eighth straight NBA Finals with a supporting crew made mostly of cast-offs and throw-ins, James lost the only other All-Star on the roster on Saturday when Kevin Love was declared out for the series finale with a concussion.

Now, in what could be his final game in a Cleveland uniform—again—James will have to do it largely on his own.

In Boston, where the Celtics are perfect so far this postseason.

And in a series where the road team hasn't really even come close.

"There's something different about LeBron, period," Cleveland forward Larry Nance Jr. said after James scored 46 with 11 rebounds and nine assists on Friday night to send the series to a decisive seventh game. "I think (coach Tyronn Lue) said it best: `We're going into a Game 7 with the baddest dude on the planet on our team.' I like our chances."

James is having what could be the best postseason of his career, averaging 33.9 points and just under nine assists and rebounds, with seven 40-point games, two buzzer beaters, and a sweep of top-seeded Toronto. But he's played in every game this season—Sunday will be his 100th—and it showed in the Game 5 loss to the Celtics.

He admitted to fatigue afterward, and then played all but two minutes in Game 6 despite a sore knee from a collision with Nance.

Still, the four-time MVP carried his team even after Love banged heads with Boston's Jayson Tatum in the first half and left the game.

"I can't say enough good things about him," Celtics coach Brad Stevens said. "Every time we watch. Every time you're standing out there. Every time you watch him on film. Best player in the game."

James will probably have to do it again in Game 7 to reach the NBA Finals for the eighth straight year, something accomplished only by Bill Russell and some of his Celtics teammates in the 1960s.

Lue said he wasn't concerned about James' leg. Or about the team's history in the TD Garden, where the Cavaliers lost the first three games by an average of 17 points.

"We throw it all out," Lue said on Saturday. "It's one game left to go to the NBA Finals."

The Celtics have had their own injury problems, starting in the first quarter of the season opener—at Cleveland—when top free agent Gordon Hayward went out for the year with a broken leg. Five-time All-Star Kyrie Irving, acquired from the Cavaliers in an offseason roster overhaul, needed knee surgery and was lost in March.

But they caught a break when Tatum was cleared to play on Saturday. Stevens said the team doctors checked on him "and he's great."

"So nothing there as far as to be concerned about," Stevens said.

# Falcons to face Little Legals in Majors finals

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The Talaabwogh Falcons and Little Legals will dispute the Majors division championship in the 2018 Saipan Little League Baseball today at Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan Ballfield.

The Falcons booked the first finals berth in the division following a 7-3 victory over the Pirates last Sunday, while the Little Legals edged McDonald's in the other semis game, 11-9, to set up the title duel between the Top 2 teams in the regular season.

Noah Aguon and Joey Sharry pitched for the Falcons and allowed only six hits and one earned run to bring the Falcons to the winner-take-all finale that will be played at 11am. In today's finals, the Falcons are hoping to keep their undefeated record after a 12-0 sweep in the regular season and two more wins in the playoffs (versus the Cubs in the first round last Saturday and against the Pirates yesterday.

The Little Legals, on the other hand, are hoping to avenge the two losses they absorbed against the Falcons in the elimination. The Little Legals, before beating McDonald's in the Final Four, crushed the Comets, 12-1, in the first round of the playoffs last Saturday.

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The Falcons' Noah Aguon throws from the mound during the first inning of their semis game against the Pirates in the Majors division of the 2018 Saipan Little League Baseball yesterday at Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan Ballfield.

The Little Legals combined for 10 runs in the first three innings to set up the easy win. G-Boy Pangelinan went 3-for-4 at bat against the Comets and scored three runs and two RBIs. Gunner Sablan also had three runs off a 2-for-3 performance at the plate.

McDonald's set up a semis match against the Little Legals after nosing out the Braves last Saturday, 7-6. McDonald's held strong on defense in the last four innings after giving up five runs in the first two to eke out the close win.

While McDonald's labored through the Braves to make it to the semis, the Pirates eased their way to the Final Four following a 19-0 demolition of Bank of Saipan. A 13-run bottom of the second inning sealed the win for the Pirates, who took only three and a half innings to eliminate Bank of Saipan.

## NFL's policy could mean a new playbook on protests this fall

**PHILADELPHIA** (AP)—Now that the NFL is drawing the line against players kneeling during the national anthem, athletes protesting police brutality and racial inequality may need to find a new playbook.

The question is whether they intend to escalate their protests in some way.

"The owners can try to prevent kneeling, but they open another can of worms," said Randal Maurice Jelks, professor of African and African-American studies and history at the University of Kansas. "Imagine if players decide as a team to not come out for the national anthem. Or if one-third of the team decides not to come out."

Hoping to quell the furor started by quarterback Colin Kaepernick two years ago, the NFL announced Wednesday that players can stay in the locker room during "The Star-Spangled Banner" but must stand if they venture onto the field. Not doing so will result in a fine against the team.

The decision was lauded by President Donald Trump, who suggested Thursday in a Fox interview that "maybe you shouldn't be in the country" if you don't stand for the anthem.

While NFL players who have supported kneeling in the past have not revealed their plans for this season, it is unlikely the new policy brought an end to the controversy.

"There were a lot of players who thought they could work with the league," said Rashad Robinson, executive director of Color of Change, a social justice organization that mobilized members to boycott the NFL and its corporate sponsors last season. "Players will have to make a decision about whether they speak out. These owners are not just trying to keep the league without controversy—they've picked a side."

Like protesters before them in past social movements, the players face a familiar dilemma: What to do when their public platform is taken away?

From the American Revolution through the civil rights era and, more recently, the Black Lives Matter movement, history has shown that when one avenue of protest is taken away, activists often move on to other—sometimes more disruptive—methods of protest.

Denver Broncos linebacker Brandon Marshall, who attended the University of Nevada with Kaepernick and was among the first NFL players to join in the national anthem protests two seasons ago, said players don't care about teams being fined.

But as for what he intends to do this season, "I guess we'll cross that road when it comes."

He called the president's remarks "disgusting" and said that while he doesn't like the league's new policy, he understands it.

"We've got freedom of speech, right? Freedom to protest? Just because somebody disagrees or has an issue with something that's going on in this country, that doesn't mean that they should pack up and leave," Marshall said in response to Trump's comments.

Detroit Lions wide receiver Golden Tate said he expects the team will discuss "a solution to stand for justice in America."

"We've got time to kind of brainstorm some ideas on how we could stand for justice and what we can do," Tate said.

## KIM

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"I was just going for my distance, going probably 80 percent on my swing, especially in the first round as it was so hot and no wind to assist me with my shot," the former CNMI junior golfer said.

In the second round, Kim lost the lead to Salas after the first six holes, but the former played through pain and managed to regain his form, sealing the victory on hole No. 14 on the east course.

"I had an eagle on the No. 14 (par-5, 525-yard hole) while he made a birdie," Kim said.

Kim then recorded two birdies on No. 15 and 17 and saved par on No. 16 and 18 to keep his shaky lead to successfully defend his Championship Flight crown. He won last year's competition via playoff hole (No. 17) against Salas, as the former hit a birdie and the latter only parred the deciding hole.

Meanwhile, CNMI junior golfer Edward Lee joined Kim and Salas in the Top 3 after earning a two-day total of 144. Lee carded a 1-over par 73 in the opening round and a 1-under par 71 in the final. Rounding out the Top 5 placers in the Championship Flight were Franco Santos (147) and Gi Keong Kim (156). Ryan, Salas, and Edward Lee received $500, $400, and $300 respectively, while Santos and and Gi Keong were awarded with Casio watch and $100 gift card from DFS Saipan during the awards ceremony attended by Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, TOC co-founder and DFS Saipan president Marian Aldan-Pierce, and TOC tournament director Tony Satur.

Winners in other divisions will be reported in *Saipan Tribune's* Tuesday edition.

## OL'ACES

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second free throw conversion, the 670 Sonic went for a quick inbound, as neither team had timeouts left. However, the Ol'Aces pressured Jun Javier at the baseline and the 670 Sonics center opted for a long pass that landed at their frontcourt, but to the wrong hands—Preston Basa's.

Basa was later fouled even before he crossed midcourt, as the 670 Sonics wanted to stop the clock, which read at 11.3 seconds. Basa went to the 15-foot line and missed his first attempt before making the second one, which eventually served as insurance for the Ol'Aces, as the 670 Sonics' Jun Fidelino managed to hit a step back triple at the buzzer against the former.

It was a sorry loss for the 670 Sonics, which seemed headed for a Game 1 victory when it took a 78-71 advantage after Matt Duenas knocked in a baseline jumper, down to the last 3:34 of the match.

However, the Ol'Aces launched an 8-0 run, which was made possible by their trademark backcourt pressure defense, to grab the lead 79-78, down to the last 2:19 of the game. Dean Blake, Kobe Santos, and Schmidt contributed one basket each in that rally, while Marvin Rabauliman gave the Ol'Aces the go-ahead after getting a feed from Basa at the baseline. Rabauliman drilled another point-blank shot to stretch their lead to 3, 81-78, with less than a minute left in the match.

A banked shot from Duenas ended the 670 Sonics' more than two minutes silence and kept the team in the game. However, they committed a couple of turnovers in the ensuing plays, allowing the Ol'Aces to cling to the one-point lead, 81-80, 20.9 seconds left on the clock.

The Ol'Aces gained more breathing room, 83-80, when Schmidt intercepted a bounced pass from Sean Rabasto intended for Javier off a pick and roll play and was fouled on his way to their frontcourt. Schmidt canned the two crucial charities and the Ol'Aces went on to complete the come-from-behind victory.

Rabauliman top-scored for the Ol'Aces with his 18 points—9 came in the fourth quarter. Blake, Santos, Basa, and Schmidt also finished in twin digits with 17, 14, 12, and 10, respectively. Duenas had 24 markers for the 670 Sonics before getting fouled out in the closing seconds of Game 1, while J.R. Ngeskebei was the only other double-digit scorer for the losing squad with his 16.

With the defeat, the 670 Sonics must win in tonight's Game 2 to force the deciding Game 3, which, if needed, will be played this Wednesday.

**Ol'Aces 84**—Rabauliman 18, Blake 17, Santos 14, Basa 12, Schmidt 10, Pelisamen 9, Atan 2, Siech 2.

**670 Sonics 83**— M. Duenas 24, Ngeskebei 16, Aranda 9, Rabasto 7, Rafols 6, Abobo 6, Ordona 4, E. Duenas 4, Fidelino 4, Tengco 3.

**Scoring by quarters:** 16-18, 37-46, 59-62, 84-83.

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Hong Kong bet, 6-2, 6-1.

"Even though she was my doubles partner, an opponent is an opponent. I won't give her a chance to win against me in the finals. I worked hard every point and focused on my strategy to win this match," Lee said.

"I knew my strengths which are my service game and being aggressive, pressuring her and making her give a chance ball for me to approach and end the point with a volley," the world No. 241 added.

Before dueling Lin, the No. 1 seed Lee also squared off against another Hong Kong player in Leung and recorded 6-3, 6-3 victory to march into the finals. The 16-year-old Commonwealth netter did not drop a single set en route to winning the tournament, as she earlier swept Japan's Yuina Igarashi, 6-1, 6-3, and Kozaki, 6-4, 6-3.

The No. 2 seed Lin, on the other hand, labored through a 6-3, 0-6, 6-2 win over the unranked South Korean Ji Woo Choi to make it to the semifinals. The Hong Kong player, who eased past Australia's Sasha Nelson in her opening match, then topped Yamaguchi, 6-0, 6-2, to arrange a finals showdown against Lee.

In other results, Hong Kong's Chak Lam Wong duplicated Lee's sweep in the ranking tournament after outclassing the Philippines' Jose Antonio Tria in the singles finals, 6-4, 7-6 (9).

Earlier in the doubles title match, Wong teamed up with Thailand's Guntinun Sootinun-Opart in slipping past South Korea's Minsung Kim and Dong Gyu Oh, 7-6 (4), 6-7 (3), 10-7.

# Tsunami Saipan at Guam Championships 2018

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Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan's Maria Batallones, center, and Fiona Regan, right, are all smiles as they show their first and third place high-point awards in the girls U7 competition in the Guam Championships 2018 held at the Hagatna Swimming Pool last May 18 and 19.

Tsunami Saipan's Aasish Dangol, left, and Kouki Watanabe, right, pose with their second and third place high-point trophies in the boys 9 to 10 age group.

Champion Ashley Dangol, center, and runner-up Nanaka Watanabe, left, receive their award in the girls 11 to 12 division.

Tsunami Saipan and champion Isaiah Aleksenko is flanked by the runners-up in the boys 11 to 12 division.

High-point first placer Aika Watanabe, center, smiles along with the other winners in the girls 13 to 14 division after they got their trophies.

Tsunami Saipan's Juhn Tenorio, center, poses with his first place high-point award in the boys 13 to 14 age group.

Tsunami Saipan swimmers gather for a group photo after completing their races.

Tsunami Saipan swimmers and coach Hiro Kimura (hand raised) join the parade of teams during the opening ceremony.

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Thompson carries Warriors into Game 7 with Rockets

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## Kim sinks hole-in-one, rules Championship Flight

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The 23rd Governor's Tournament of Champions belonged to Ryan Kim, as he made a hole-in-one shot in the opening round last Saturday and capped the tournament with a title win in the Championship Flight yesterday at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.

Kim knocked in the ace on the par-3 No. 17 hole on the west course to win $5,000 from hole sponsor McDonald's. It was his second hole-in-one shot in nearly a decade of playing golf with his first one also recorded at the Laolao facility on the par-3, 189-yard No. 3 on the west course three years ago.

The money shot gave Kim a 2-under par 70 in the first round for a tie for the lead with Franco Santos. The 26-year-old golfer then went on to finish at solo first place at the conclusion of Saipan's premier golf tournament when he played better in the second and final round after shooting a 4-under par 68. Kim totaled for a 6-under par 138, just one stroke ahead of runner-up Brentt Salas of Guam.

Salas had the best score in the second round after firing a 5-under par 67, but settled for another bridesmaid finish, as he only had an even par 72 in the first round.

"Brent was so tough in the second round, so I just told myself to stay focus and also go all out, play without regrets even though I am hurting," said Kim, who has an injury on his left shoulder.

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Ryan Kim, fourth left, is awarded the $5,000 hole-in-one prize by McDonald's Joe Ayuyu Jr., third left, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, fifth left, and DFS Saipan president Marian-Aldan Pierce, right. Also in the photo at the awards ceremony for yesterday's 23rd Governor's Tournament of Champions at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort are TOC tournament director Tony Satur, second left, and Titan Imports' Tedson Timothy, left.

## Ol'Aces steal Game 1 from 670 Sonics

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The Ol'Aces are a win away from claiming the men's division championship in the 2018 MIBF Island-wide Basketball League after rallying past the 670 Sonics, 84-83, in Game 1 of their short title series last Friday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The Ol'Aces overhauled a 7-point deficit late in the game to steal the finals opener from the 670 Sonics, which committed turnovers in the home-stretch to hand the victory to the pennant champions.

The last of those costly booboos came with a little over 10 seconds remaining in the match and the Ol'Aces were ahead by only 3, 83-80, after Douglas Schmidt went 2-for-2 from the foul line. After Schmidt's

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The Ol'Aces' Marvin Rabauliman, right, unloads a floater against the 670 Sonics' Jude Tengco during the fourth quarter of Game 1 of their title series in the MIBF island-wide caging last Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

# Sweet sweep for Carol

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Carol Lee did not disappoint the home crowd rooting for her, as she swept the singles and doubles titles in the 2018 Northern Marianas Junior Championships.

Lee first notched the doubles crown with partner Wing Ka Lin of Hong Kong last Saturday at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan hard courts. The top-ranked pair was pitted against No. 4 and Japan's Nanari Katsumi and Mua Shigeta in the finals and needed only two sets to prevail in their afternoon match, 6-1, 6-2.

The straight set victory over the Japanese pair came just a day after Lee and Lin were tested to their limits in the semifinals. The eventual champions downed No. 3 and Japan's Manami Ukita and Ai Yamaguchi in the first set, 6-2, but were denied the outright win when the latter pair escaped with a 7-6 (5) triumph in the second set.

Then in the super-tiebreaker third set, the opposing teams engaged in another close fight before Lee and Lin recorded a 10-7 win to bag the finals berth at upper half of the draw.

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The CNMI's Carol Lee returns to Hong Kong's Wing Ka Lin during the second set of their singles title game in the 2018 Northern Marianas Junior Championships yesterday at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan hard courts.

At the lower half, Katsumi and Shigeta also went the distance against their semis foes to earn the right to face Lee and Lin in the finale. Katsumi and Shigeta were badly beaten by their compatriot Mio Kozaki and Hong Kong's Chui Kei Leung in the opening set, 0-6, but stunned the No. 2 duo after sweeping the last two, 7-5, 11-9.

Meanwhile, Lee had a familiar opponent in the singles finals, as she faced her doubles partner in last Sunday's title game. The CNMI player then showed no love lost to her teammate after beating the

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